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Pressel Camacho is 2014 Liberation Queen

From left to right, Liberation Queen committee chair Joann Aquino, 2014 second princess Gilitinon Ramangmou, 2014 first princess Rita Doca, 2014 Liberation Queen Pressel Camacho, 2014 royal princess Desiree Crisostomo, and Saipan Mayor Marian Tudela during the 2014 Liberation Queen coronation night on July 2. JAYSON CAMACHO

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Fifteen-year-old Pressel Jean Camacho was crowned as the 2014 Liberation Queen after outselling three other candidates for the most number of tickets.

Camacho is a junior at Kagman High School. She is the daughter of Presciardo M. Camacho and Elsie C. Fejeran.

Camacho said she felt honored after being named the 2014 Liberation Queen.

"I hope to keep my promise and help the community in many ways pos-

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Search continues for missing sisters

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The U.S. Coast Guard deployed into the ocean yesterday a device that simulates a human body adrift at sea, leading investigators to move the search for the two missing Japanese sisters to the Tanapag Lagoon. With still no trace of the victims, the search is expected to resume today, Friday.

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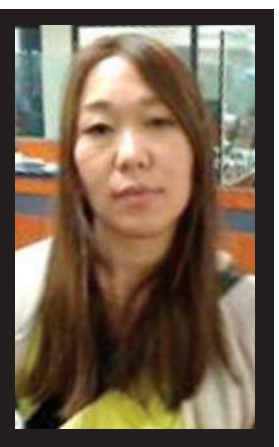
As this developed, the Department of Public Safety released yesterday photos of missing sisters Chinatsu Yamada, 26, and Natsuki Yamada, 33. The photos were obtained by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection and were released as authorities urged citizens to help in the search.

Chinatsu Yamada



Natsuki Yamada

In a news briefing yesterday afternoon at Tanapag Beach, police detective Simon Manacop disclosed that they have so far seen no evidence of foul play behind the sisters' disappearance.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN CNMI HISTORY

Korea overtakes Japan as NMI's prime tourist market

» Governor says in 2-3 years time, CNMI may see 700K a year

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Korea is on its way to surpassing Japan for the first time as the CNMI's largest source of tourists by the end of fiscal year 2014, officials said yesterday as they also pointed to continued growth in visitor arrivals from China, Russia, and Taiwan. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the CNMI may see

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Six juveniles are identified as suspects in KagES vandalism

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Six juveniles—three of whom now reside on Tinian—have been identified as alleged culprits in the vandalism of Kagman Elementary School.

Earlier in June, through the efforts of the Department of Public Safety and NMI Crime Stoppers, three juveniles were apprehended and are still in custody. Their arrest led to the identification of the three other suspects.

DPS Commissioner James Deleon Guerrero Deleon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* that the investigation of one of suspects led to two more suspects being identified. He said the apprehension of these two implicated three more who are also juveniles but are now on Tinian.

The DPS chief said the prosecutor's office has advised to just issue summons for the three juveniles as opposed to a warrant of arrest so that they could charge them formally in court.

Deleon Guerrero said that they have sent investigators down to Tinian to speak to the three juveniles about their involvement in the incident.

According to Deleon Guerrero, all the suspects were students and residents of Saipan at one time and that the first three were involved in the destruction while the others just helped.

"So altogether we are looking at six individuals and at one point they were residents of Saipan and were all students of Kagman Elementary School," Deleon Guerrero said.

Citing interviews with the three juveniles who are currently detained, Deleon Guerrero said the suspects committed the vandalism because they "wanted revenge" on the school.

He also noted that they have advised the school to install a security camera system instead of hiring a security officer.

According to Rep. Larry Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), prior to the meeting with Kagman Elementary School principal Ruth Calvo, DPS recommended several other things for the school to do. That included increasing the height of fences around the campus, installing surveillance cameras, and public and community outreach.

Other discussions included toughening up the laws and school policies involving minors and juveniles, implementing deterrence, prevention and countermeasures within every school, and making publicly known the costs and impacts of vandalism on the school and community and its consequences.

Deleon Guerrero noted that they have asked the school to estimate the costs and damages of the vandals so that when the summons are issued against the suspects, their parents will be informed of the cost.

Deleon Guerrero also noted that during one of their "sealed hearings," one of his investigators present at that time said that one kid showed no remorse and just laughed, "with no respect at all."

Kagman Elementary School was vandalized three times this year, the first one on April 2014 when DPS dispatched police officers to the scene of the crime and discovered that traffic cones were scattered throughout the school's parking lot.

The second incident occurred when the bulletin board was damaged and two water faucets in the building were broken, with water gushing out and flooding the parking lot.

The most recent incident in May was the destruction of the cafeteria that resulted in the students of the school having to eat outside due to fruit drinks and cleaning products being scattered all over the floor.

MVA: Dearth of hotel rooms turning off potential visitors

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Despite the rebounding tourism industry, the lack of hotel rooms is still an issue that not only turns off potential tourists but hurts the markets as well, according to AVIAREPS Marketing Garden founder and chair Michael Merner.

The lack of hotel room in the CNMI was the highlight of Merner's presentation at the Marianas Visitors Authority general membership meeting yesterday at the Saipan World Resort in Susupe.

Out of five markets represented, the lack of hotel rooms particularly affect Korea, China, Japan, and Russia, while Taiwan, one of the newest markets for the CNMI, lacks flights to and from Saipan.

MVA board member Jerry Tan agrees that the lack of hotel rooms is one of the biggest challenge the islands' tourism industry is facing. "One thing that Michael talked about consistently in his presentation is the lack of hotel rooms throughout the five market presentations."

He said the Hotel Association of the Northern Marianas Islands is going to play an important role in addressing this deficiency.

Tan said he met with Avia Charters officials a few months ago and the meeting centered on how to grow the Russian market.

"If the Russian market is not going to get continued support from the hotel association, we will lose the charter flights very quickly. So as much as we love the Russian market, that market will disappear if the hotel rooms are not available to the market," said Tan.

He noted that "it is a very serious problem" not just for the Russian market, but to all the markets as well.

Tan also told MVA managing director Perry Tenorio that they need to work more closely with the HANMI on this issue.

Tenorio said if they don't add more hotel rooms, the average room rates in the CNMI will stay the same.

Based on HANMI's Hotel Room Summary, the average room rate was $123.15 from October 2013 to May 2014. The "occupancy annualized" for October to September showed that the average room rate for fiscal year 2014 is $121.68.

According to Tenorio, with the increasing number of arrivals, "the hotels are saturated, so it's not the hotel shortage, it's just that were filling up our capacity now."

According to him, as a U.S territory "we have no control of the distribution of the hotel rooms or hoteliers."

"We would like to see possibly an equal distribution to the hotel rooms but that's entirely up to the [hotels]," Tenorio said.

He said they only started to address the issue of the lack of hotel rooms when Avia Charters came in and shared that they needed more hotel rooms.

"We were able to consult with Gov. Eloy S. Inos and meet with HANMI and share with them the possible impact with the allotment increase and we're happy that HANMI responded with the allotment increase for Avia Charters," Tenorio said.

Mobil increases gas prices by 10 cents a gallon

Saipan motorists must adjust to another increase in gas prices after Mobil Oil Mariana Islands increased its prices by 10 cents a gallon for regular unleaded gasoline and super unleaded gasoline.

As of Tuesday night, regular unleaded gasoline is at $5.209 per gallon and super unleaded gasoline is at $5.529 per gallon. Diesel prices remain unchanged at $5.669 per gallon.

The 10-cent increase comes after a 15-cent increase in June. Previously, prices of regular and super unleaded gasoline sat at $5.109 and $5.429 per gallon respectively.

As of yesterday afternoon, gas prices at Shell Marianas have remained the same, with V-Power at $5.109 per gallon and diesel at $5.669. However, they are expected to change, as Shell and Mobil historically mirror each other's prices.

Reactions from motorists to the gas price increase varied.

Kevin Jardinero, who drives from his home in As Lito to his job at Hyatt Regency Saipan in Garapan, said gas prices are "getting too close to minimum wage." The CNMI's minimum wage currently stands at $5.55 per hour. Jardinero said, "You really have to think your route" in order to use gas more effectively.

Another motorist, Shelane Borja of Dandan, said the price increase is "not too drastic" and that she expects prices to "go up and down." ***(Dennis Chan)***

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its annual arrivals reach 700,000 once again in two to three years.

Arrivals from Korea are projected to reach more than 158,000 in 2014, compared to expected arrivals from Japan at a little over 124,000, based on data from Marianas Visitors Authority managing director Perry Tenorio.

In 2013, the CNMI received 148,423 tourists from Japan and 135,458 from Korea, MVA data shows.

"If you take a closer look, we might be able to see 470,000 tourists by the end of the year, or maybe come close to half a million. I say in about two to three years, we will back to pre-JAL [Japan Airlines] pullout [figures], which is about 700,000. That's good," the governor told *Saipan Tribune* at the MVA general membership meeting at Saipan World Resort.

This comes a few days after the governor said in his State of the Commonwealth Address that there's some $1.3 billion in projected economic activity this year—an increase of $200 million from last year's.

Michael Merner, chairman of AVIAREPS Marketing Garden that operates MVA's representative offices in Japan, Korea, China, Russia, and Taiwan, said Japan is now the CNMI's "crisis" market.

"Korea is the No. 1 source market, surpassing Japan for the first time," Merner told MVA members and guests.

Ten years ago, in 2004, arrivals to the CNMI were at 531,584. Arrivals have since been on a decline for a host of reasons that included JAL's pullout from the CNMI, from 529,557 in 2005 until it reached a historic low of 338,106 in 2011.

Arrivals started picking up in 2012 with 389,475, to 433,925 in 2013. The numbers are projected to reach 472,709, MVA data shows.

Merner said the Korean market is just now returning to normal after the ferry *Sewol* sinking in April that killed over 300 Koreans. That resulted in many Koreans canceling overseas holidays during a time of national mourning.

"All economic indicators indicate strong continued growth in outbound travel from Korea to the CNMI in the remainder of 2014," he said.

Korea's low-cost carrier Jeju Air will be launching daily service to the CNMI starting on Oct. 1, generating 69,000 seats. This will potentially bring in 55,000 additional Korean visitors to the CNMI and over $120 million in incremental spending from the Korean market.

This could help offset any potential revenue loss once the Korean government imposes a seven-day suspension of Asiana Airlines flights to Saipan over safety rule violation.

As the CNMI's new tourism market leader, Korea will, however, still be challenged by a lack of hotel rooms in the CNMI.

The governor is optimistic that the construction of new hotels on Saipan, along with the development of a minimum $2 billion integrated casino resort with at least 2,000 rooms, will accommodate the growing number of tourists bound for the CNMI.

For the longest time, Japan has been the main source of tourists for the CNMI. But the country's financial woes have resulted in a decline in total outbound market. The U.S. dollar appreciated by 32 percent versus the Japanese yen over the last two years, making travel to the CNMI effectively 32 percent more expensive for the Japanese today than it was two years ago.

Merner said Delta Air Lines has also raised its fuel surcharge on flights from Narita to Saipan this year from 7,000 yen to 8,000 yen ($78) per passenger per flight or for $320 in fuel surcharges for a family of four.

Among the challenges is the insufficient hotel rooms allocated to the Japan market, Merner said. He said it used to be that Japanese tourists were a priority for hotel rooms.

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sible," she said.

According to Camacho, Liberation Day means "the day when people celebrate peace and freedom from when they opened the gates of Camp Susupe."

Pressciardo Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that he is very proud of his daughter for becoming the 2014 Liberation Queen.

"I am excited and happy for her hard work and I am very proud of her and hope that she does a great job for this year as Liberation Queen," Pressciardo Camacho said.

In an earlier interview with *Saipan Tribune,* Pressel Jean Camacho said that if she were the governor of the CNMI she would not pass the casino law as the island is meant for beaches, family enjoyment, and culture—not casino entertainment.

Camacho said it was her dream to become a Liberation Queen candidate but she never expected to be crowned Liberation Queen.

Pressel Jean Camacho said her inspiration is Saipan Mayor's Office staff Tina Concepcion, who would always tell her when she was still a little girl to join the Liberation Queen candidates.

Camacho's advocacy is to help the community by cleaning the environment and helping the public in whatever needs to be done to improve the island.

2013 Liberation Queen Nicole Sablan said she hopes the 2014 royal court realizes how blessed they truly are.

"Every young girl dreams of becoming a princess. Today, you are royalty. It has been a joyful journey to serve my home," Sablan said, adding that being Liberation Queen has been a great gift.

The rest of the 2014 royal court are Desiree Crisostomo, 20, who is the 2014 royal princess; Rita Doca, 19, who is the 2014 first princess; and Gilitinon Ramangmou, 18, who is the 2014 second princess.

According to Saipan Mayor Marian Deleon Guerrero Tudela, the 2014 Liberation Queen and her royal court are deserving of their awards because of the great personality they all have.

Tudela said the role of Camacho and the runner-ups would be to represent the CNMI in various events, functions, and hopefully visit other places outside the CNMI.

Joan Aquino, 2014 Liberation Queen committee chair, said she is proud of Camacho and the rest of the royal court for their hard work and dedication.

The 2014 royal court will be participating in today's Liberation Day Parade along Beach Road.

SEARCH

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said they held the news briefing to provide some update to the media and visiting reporters from Japan on the situation with the missing sisters.

Inos said they just met with the parents of the Yamada sisters and that they informed them of efforts being done to locate the missing women.

"Coming from me, on behalf of the people of the Commonwealth, we're saddened with this situation with the two girls," Inos said.

Inos said they're doing the impossible to hopefully find the sisters' whereabouts and safely bring them back to their parents.

"We do care about our visitors when they arrive on the islands," the governor said. "This is to me a rather unfortunate situation, but we hope in the very, very near future we will get to the bottom of this thing and bring closure to this matter."

Manacop also revealed that they did not recover the sisters' cell phones.

Manacop said their investigation at this point points to the Yamada sisters going on a night swimming.

He refused to comment when asked if they have information whether other people with the sisters at the beach.

Department of Public Safety Commissioner James C. Deleon Guerrero said that prior to the sisters' disappearance, one of the two was spotted coming out of the hotel room, wearing a towel. He said it appears that the sisters were going out to swim.

Deleon Guerrero emphasized that the area being searched is quite large and that the surrounding waters where the victims are thought to have disappeared are quite rough.

The commissioner said the Federal Bureau of Investigation is not yet involved in the investigation, but that if there is a reason to suggest that there may be a need for them to participate, they will reach out to them.

CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management special assistant Marvin Seman said 60 local and federal personnel are participating in the search.

Seman said their part is to provide additional resources by coordinating support for DPS and with their federal counterpart, the Department of Homeland Security.

Lt. Ken McCain of the U.S. Coast Guard said they partnered with DPS in the search efforts by launching several water-based assets as well as fixed wing aircrafts and helicopters.

DPS police spokesman Travis Hurst said the video surveillance at the Mariana Resort and Spa, where the sisters stayed, does not indicate whether or not the victims were carrying the inflatable raft. Hurst said the sisters, however, were seen in the video carrying tote-style bags out of their room.

Hurst said it has been confirmed that the clothing found at Wing Beach does not match the clothing indicated in the surveillance camera.

Hurst said it has been confirmed that the inflatable raft was intact when search and rescue team recovered it some 25 nautical miles north of Banzai Cliff on Wednesday morning.

The search continued yesterday with crews scouring land and sea, concentrating on the area surrounding the Tanapag Lagoon and all areas north to Wing Beach.

Crews were using three rescue boats and three jetskis. Divers were also deployed.

Hurst said fixed wing aircrafts and helicopters from the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard will be utilized as they are available.

He said land crews are using all-terrain vehicles to broaden the search from Tanapag Lagoon north to the Wing Beach area.

The Yamada sisters reportedly arrived on Saipan Saturday morning. They were scheduled to depart on Monday, June 30, at 6am. On Monday at 12:08pm, their rental car was recovered at Wing Beach, which is near the Mariana's Resort and Spa.

Investigators learned that the record in the past 10 years showed it's the first time for the Yamada sisters to visit Saipan.

Inos to seek 'slightly' lower CW cap than 14,000

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos said yesterday he will be recommending to the federal government "in a week or two" a new CW permit cap that is only "slightly" lower than the current limit of 14,000 to accommodate an expanding economy's labor needs, while at the same time cautions against pushing for an immigration federalization law's amendment to increase rather than decrease the annual CW cap.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) separately said yesterday "this issue is not yet fully ripe for consideration."

The law requires a reduction in the number of CW permits issued every year until the end of the CW program, which was recently extended from 2014 to 2019.

While the current cap is at 14,000, only about 12,000 CW permits have been granted. Inos said he's hoping the difference of some 2,000 won't represent the decrease in the CW permit quota for 2015 because of major development projects on the pipeline that would still need a lot of foreign skilled and professional workers.

"What I'm saying is, reduce it by one or two, and hold in reserve the unfilled positions and we'll hopefully use that to accommodate each of the new development," Inos told *Saipan Tribune* in an interview at the Marianas Visitors Authority's general membership meeting yesterday.

As to whether he would seek an amendment to the Consolidated Natural Resources Act—the U.S. law that placed CNMI immigration under federal control—to raise rather than lower the annual CW cap and make a permanent foreign worker program for the CNMI, Inos said he does not want to go there yet at this point.

"It's already an uphill battle, plus it's just going to make it harder for us to be able to accomplish this final five-year transition program if we're going back up there again," he said, adding that employers can apply for an H visa for their employees, away from the CW program to address additional foreign worker needs.

»Governor, delegate weigh in on CNMI's future labor needs

But the governor conceded that the H visa is not applicable to most jobs in the CNMI because these jobs are not seasonal but year-round employment "so we need to figure out specific categories."

The governor, like the delegate, met recently with the Saipan Chamber of Commerce on the CNMI's current and future labor needs.

The delegate said yesterday that Chamber president Alex Sablan shared with him his views that "there are not an adequate number of CW workers in the event of rapid economic expansion—particularly relating to the tourism industry—in the Northern Mariana Islands."

"I have not received a formal request from the Chamber yet, in this regard. And though I asked Mr. Sablan to share with me some of his data, I have yet to receive them from him. …A conversation does not constitute a plan or a request. This issue is not yet fully ripe for consideration in my view. In any event, this is a serious and complex matter that requires very careful thought and analysis," the delegate said.

The delegate said before he could even begin to consider whether legislation to amend the current law and increase the CW cap or to create a new federal visa category is appropriate or achievable, he would need to review data from a number of sources, speak with people representing the many diverse constituencies that comprise the community with local elected officials, and consult with policy experts in Washington, D.C.

"And if, or when, all these is done, this will still need a lot of work and time to achieve," he added.

The largest business group in the CNMI said even with the CW program's extension up to 2019, coupled with hiring all unemployed U.S. citizens on the islands and hiring from other Micronesian islands and the U.S. mainland, the CNMI economy will still need some 5,000 additional workers by 2021.

The governor reiterated yesterday the CNMI's push for increased training and hiring of U.S. citizens to prepare for the end of the CW program five years from now.

In September last year, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced a limit of 14,000 non-immigrants under the transitional CNMI-only worker program for 2014, a mere 6.66-percent cut from the 2013 cap of 15,000. The 2014 cap is close enough to what Inos had asked for—about 14,100—to accommodate the increased need for workers now that the CNMI economy is recovering, buoyed by the record number of tourist arrivals.

Kanoa Resort to have 4th of July fireworks

While the Liberation Day parade will have no fireworks, a Susupe hotel is going out of its way to have one for its 4th of July celebration.

Kanoa Resort general manager Mark Ratliff said they will be igniting $2,000 worth of fireworks tomorrow night starting at 8:30pm. The fireworks display coincides with the hotel's "Dine, Swim, and enjoy" promotion.

"Enjoy our wonderful dinner buffet, also bring the kids to swim from 6pm to 9pm at no extra cost other than purchase of dinner buffet, then watch the sky light up with a dazzling 4th of July fireworks show at 8:30pm," said Ratliff.

Kanoa Resort's 4th of July dinner will have an international buffet that includes sashimi, fish, beef, pasta, and salad, to name a few.

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Judge denies bid to stop govt from issuing casino license

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman denied yesterday casino applicant Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc.'s motion for a preliminary injunction that seeks to stop Gov. Eloy S. Inos, the CNMI government, and co-defendants from issuing a casino license unless and until all aspects of the casino law are first complied with, such as the Casino Commission's required involvement in the applicant investigation and the issuance of regulations.

While he acknowledges and agrees with Marianas Stars that there is a general public interest in enjoining potentially illegal licenses to applicants in the CNMI's casino venture, Wiseman said he finds that the public interest will better be served by refusing to stop the licensing and investigation process and addressing Marianas Stars' legal arguments at a later stage of the case—likely after a casino license has been issued or the Casino Commission has been confirmed and a new application procedure has been instituted.

The judge agreed with Inos and co-defendants that permitting the application process to continue will allow the CNMI to properly assess whether any of the applicants meet all of the necessary criteria.

Wiseman agreed with the defendants that if neither meets those criteria within the 90-day period provided by the Legislature, the newly formed Casino Commission may institute a new process for the investigation, issue a new request for proposal to attract new applicants, and decide to whom they wish to issue the sole casino license.

Inos' co-defendants in the case are the CNMI government, the Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary.

The denial of the preliminary injunction superseded Wiseman's June 9 temporary restraining order that stopped Inos, the CNMI government, the Lottery Commission, and the Finance secretary from either denying or approving a casino license. Wiseman issued the TRO after Marianas Stars filed the lawsuit and asked for a TRO.

Marianas Stars' lawsuit remains pending in court.

In their motion for preliminary injunction, Marianas Stars counsel Sean Frink argued, among other things, that an injunction will preserve the status quo, leaving the $30 million that the company and the other casino license applicant, Best Sunshine Ltd., deposited in escrow pending the eventual "lawful" issuance of a casino license.

Inos and his co-defendants opposed the motion. They, through assistant attorney general Reena Patel, argued that there is no serious questions on the merits because the Lottery Commission is a necessary and integral part of the investigation of casino license applicants.

In denying the motion, Wiseman said in the event any license issued by the Lottery Commission is found illegal and invalid, any monetary injury suffered by Marianas Stars may be compensated in the form of compensatory damages as part of the ultimate disposition of the case, and thus no preliminary injunction is necessary at this point based upon some speculative irreparable harm to Marianas Stars.

On the issue of likelihood of success on the merits, Wiseman found that Marianas Stars has not demonstrated a strong likelihood of success on the merits of its case.

On potential hardships issue, the judge noted that while he acknowledges Marianas Stars' arguments regarding the injury they believe would befall them if he finds the ultimate and inevitable license issuance to be illegal, he still refuses to indicate his position on these issues by preserving the status quo and preventing what may be a beneficial process and end result to the CNMI.

Marianas Stars Entertainment and Best Sunshine International are both seeking an exclusive Saipan casino resort developer license. Each had already submitted a $1 million nonrefundable application fee, a completed application, a business plan, and a $30 million refundable deposit.

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Liberation Day Parade postponed to Sunday

For the first time in recent memory, today's scheduled Liberation Day Parade has been postponed to Sunday, July 6, due to the bad weather brought by Tropical Depression 08W.

Liberation Day committee chair Vicente Camacho confirmed this last night at about 8:58, saying the postponement is for safety reasons.

"Although there is no typhoon, Weather Service is forecasting high winds and lots of rain," said Camacho.

He said if the weather permits, though, they might hold the parade on Saturday. But as of last night, the parade schedule was still set for Sunday at 10am.

"We are crossing our fingers that everything would be clear by Sunday," he added. "We don't want to risk public safety."

Tropical Depression 08W was located about 400 miles south of Saipan yesterday afternoon.

This year marks the 69th Liberation Day.

According to Camacho, the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management has stated that the weather today will be the same as yesterday.

Despite the inclement weather, community members began putting up tents as early as Wednesday along the parade route on Beach Road. More tents were erected yesterday under heavy rain and lightning in the evening.

Sunday's parade will start at 10am and all roads throughout the parade route will be closed at 9am.

Camacho said that the parade will now start at the National Office Supply, going toward Garapan Fishing Base across Kristo Rai Church. He noted that 30 organizations are listed to join the parade.

This year there will be four floats, while one of the floats will be a competitive float.

This year's celebration is themed "Reunion of Honor a tribute to the past mayors of Saipan," and will also feature past Liberation Day queens who will be riding on a float during the parade. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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Hazel Doctor graduates from Emory University

ATLANTA, GA—Hazel Marie Doctor of Saipan received a bachelor of arts degree from Emory College of Arts and Sciences of Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia, at its 169th commencement ceremony on May 12, 2014.

That comes in the wake of the announcement that Doctor was named to the Dean's List of Emory College of Arts and Sciences for the 2014 spring semester. Students must be in the top 20 percent of Emory College or have approximately a 3.859 grade point average or higher to be named to the Dean's List.

Emory University encompasses nine academic divisions as well as the Michael C. Carlos Museum, The Carter Center, the Yerkes National Primate Research Center and Emory Healthcare, Georgia's largest and most comprehensive health care system. ***(PR)***

Ex-convict gets 18-month sentence for vicious attack

An ex-convict was slapped with an 18-month prison sentence for repeatedly punching a man, causing the victim to lose consciousness and sustain severe injuries.

Nelson Anson Saimon, 26, pleaded guilty on Tuesday to aggravated assault and battery as part of a plea deal with the government. All other charges filed against Saimon in two separate criminal cases were dropped as part of the deal.

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo sentenced Saimon to five years in prison, all suspended except for 18 months, to be served without the possibility of parole, early release, or work release.

Saimon was directed to report to the Department of Corrections on Monday, July 7, at 8am to start serving his sentence. He will be released on Jan. 7, 2016.

After completing his sentence, Saimon will be placed on supervised probation for five years. He was required to pay $1,129.48 in restitution to the victim, $500 fine, $60 in court costs, and $250 in probation fees.

Saimon was also ordered to perform 150 hours of community service, report to the Community Guidance Center to undergo anger management counseling, and submit to an evaluation for alcohol and drug assessment and treatment.

During his probation, Saimon is barred from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs.

Saimon repeatedly punched Sanderson Sebuu in the head and face on Nov. 21, 2013 on Saipan. When Sebuu lost consciousness, the defendant continued punching him in the face and head. As a result, the victim suffered severe injuries to the face, including a split tongue, a swollen and black and blue eye, and swollen lips and face.

Attorney Catherine Cachero served as counsel for Saimon.

In November 2011, Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman slapped Saimon with 30 days in prison for beating Aurelio Rayong in the face several times in Garapan on Aug. 11, 2011. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

THANK YOU PIC!
Miss Marianas Teen 2014 candidates pose by the poolside at the Pacific Islands Club on June 26. Stellar Marianas and Miss Marianas Teen candidates thank PIC management and staff for hosting them.

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Joint US, Japan training on FDM, at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force and Japanese military will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on July 8, from 11am to 2:30pm; July 10, from 8am to noon; and July 11, from 11am to 12:30pm.

The Japanese military will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on July 7-9, from 5pm to 11:59pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***

MEETING NOTICE

MARIANAS VISITORS AUTHORITY

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, the Marianas Visitors Authority, hereby gives notice that a **Special Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on **Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.** at the Chamolinian Room, Hyatt Regency Saipan, MP 96950.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

1. Preliminary Matters
2. Call to Order
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of Agenda
5. Adoption of the Minutes
   - *none*
6. Public Comments
7. Committee Reports
   - *none*
8. New Business
   - *none*
9. Old Business
   - *AVIAREPS Marketing Garden's contract to provide representation, promotional and public relation services for the Asia market*
10. Miscellaneous/Announcements
11. Executive Session
    - *Read into the record discussion under executive session and any action by the board*
12. Adjournment

/s/ Marian Aldan-Pierce
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Tropical depression forms; no watches in effect in the NMI

Tropical Depression 08W has formed 410 miles south of Saipan but no watches or warnings are in effect for the Marianas.

According to the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, the center of Tropical Depression 08W was located by satellite at 1pm yesterday afternoon about 410 miles south of Saipan. It has maximum sustained winds of 30 mph and is moving west-northwest at 12 mph. It is expected to gradually turn toward the northwest today with little change in forward speed.

Tropical Depression 08W is expected to intensify through Saturday and will likely become a tropical storm by early Friday.

Residents living in a low-lying or flood-prone area are advised to be prepared for the possibility of flooding on their property over the next few days.

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be monitoring the movement of this tropical disturbance and will be issuing bulletins as they become available. The public is advised to monitor the official bulletins that will be available through local media sources and NOAA weather radio broadcast on 162.5 megahertz, or call CNMI EOC dispatch center at 237-8000 or dial 211, and for the Northern Islands to contact the CNMI EOC dispatch center at high frequency single side band radio on frequency 5.205.0. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of the Petition for the Change of Name of:	)	FCD AD CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0202
Jazlyn Joy Mafnas Norita, Minor Child,	)	**NOTICE OF HEARING**
By:	)	
Jovannalyn Castro Mafnas, Petitioner	)	

Notice is hereby given that the above-entitled matter is set for a hearing on July 17, 2014 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom 205A, before Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2014.

/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

July 4, 2006

Govt layoffs may spare some

Some temporary workers may be spared from termination after the government found that little savings would result from laying them off. Press secretary Charles P. Reyes Jr. disclosed that this point was raised during yesterday's Cabinet meeting. Reyes quoted Attorney General Matthew T. Gregory as saying that some excepted service employees have accrued enough annual leave to last them until the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30, 2006. This means that they will be entitled to about the same compensation regardless of whether they continue working or take their vacation leave credits. If these employees are terminated, the government will not only lose their services, but also make no savings out of it, at least for the remaining period of FY 2006.

MVA beefs up marketing staff

Tasked with the big job of raising tourist arrivals to 1 million by 2008, the Marianas Visitors Authority has began adding up on personnel, starting with its marketing team. Acting MVA managing director Tess Castro said three marketing assistants who can speak Japanese, Korean, and Chinese were hired recently. They are Henry Sasaki, a former employee of Japan Airlines, for the Japanese market; Unhui Kim Babauta for the Korean market; and Leng Bai for the China market. "We wanted to hire people who can speak the languages of the people we're trying to reach. It's all part of our efforts to implement our five-year strategic plan," said Castro in an interview.

July 4, 2007

Full steam ahead for today's LibDay parade

It's a celebration of freedom today as the CNMI commemorate the 61st year of the liberation of Northern Marianas residents from Camp Susupe and the 231st birthday of the United States of America. "This year's Liberation Day theme, focusing on the 'Challenge of Liberation for Peace and Freedom,' considers the CNMI's history after the war and contemplates our current political and economic efforts to continue meeting the challenges of maintaining peace, freedom, democracy and prosperity in our Commonwealth and around the world," said Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Timothy P. Villagomez in their official public message. They said the Commonwealth continues to build on the tools provided it when it agreed to join the American political family in 1978.

House backs suspension of tax incentive program

The House of Representatives has passed a bill suspending the qualifying certificate program for a year and a half. Under the program, tax benefits are given to entice businesses to put up new investments in the CNMI or to assist existing investors in expanding their operations. House Bill 15-125 would suspend this investment incentive for 18 months. Rep. Ray N. Yumul introduced the bill. Reps. Jesus SN. Lizama and Arnold I. Palacios are co-sponsors. House members recently voted to approve the bill. It will become law after it is approved by the Senate and then signed by the governor.

July 4, 2008

'Let immigration officers withdraw contributions'

CNMI immigration officers who will lose their jobs due to "federalization" should be allowed to withdraw their pension contributions regardless of eligibility, according to the Senate Committee on Fiscal Affairs. The Division of Immigration employs 65 officers. Most of these employees have retirement benefits that have accrued in the defined benefit plan, the Senate committee said in a report. Currently, only government employees who have been paying to the defined benefit plan for 15 years or less can withdraw their contributions.

Budget woes cancel fireworks exhibition

A short stretch of Beach Road from the National Office Supply to the Garapan Fishing Base is ground zero today, with thousands expected to throng both sides of the highway to celebrate this year's Liberation Day with a parade, speeches, dances, and a carnival. One thing that will be missing, though, is the traditional fireworks display, which has been scrapped due to the lack of funds. Despite this, scores of families have begun camping out along Beach Road to reserve the best spots in preparation for today's parade, and thousands more will be lining the road when the parade begins at 2pm.

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Kevin Bautista, 2011 AlumKnight, lands internship with US OPM

Kevin Bautista, a 2011 Mount Carmel School AlumKnight and class salutatorian, was one of only 18 college students recently awarded a summer internship with OCA, or the Asian Pacific American Advocates, a national membership-driven organization of community advocates dedicated to advancing the social, political, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans. The Internship Program provides APA students with experiences in professional development, networking opportunities, and coalition broadening in Washington, D.C. for duration of 10 weeks. The OCA has placed him at the U.S. Office of Personnel Management in its Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

According to Stan Lau, OCA national vice president of Education and Culture, "this summer's group of bright, young students has already shown leadership potential and a great deal of introspection into their own APA identities in the short time since their arrival. …I look forward to seeing where this summer program takes them."

Sharon M. Wong, OCA national president, is also excited about Bautista and his fellow interns. Wong said, "OCA is excited to welcome our newest group of students into this wonderful and challenging opportunity. I am confident that through the internship program we will see this group grow into talented and thoughtful leaders."

In recognizing this summer's interns, the OCA described Bautista in glowing terms, noting on its website that he "is a

rising senior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor."

Bautista attributes much of his success to his alma mater, saying, "I believe that my 12 years at Mount Carmel prepared me to be independent and open to new challenges. …My experience at Mount Carmel cultivated my critical thinking skills, allowed me to pursue my passions, and developed my goals of helping my community in the Northern Marianas."

In addition to earning high academic marks while at Mount Carmel, Bautista was also very active in numerous extra-curricular activities, including Mock Trial, the National Forensics League, and Theatre Club.

Bautista also gives credit to his family and broader support network. "I'm just a kid born to hardworking Filipino contract working professionals from a tiny rock in the Western Pacific thousands of miles away. Attending the University of Michigan was a farfetched dream as a kid, let alone being an intern in our nation's capital. Getting to this point is an accomplishment I attribute to my family, my friends, my mentors, Mount Carmel, and my close-knit community on Saipan."

The OCA Internship Program was first launched in 1989 with only one intern. Now as one of the largest and longest running Internship Program for APA students, OCA continues to educate and empower the next generation of strong community advocates. The 25th annual OCA Internship Program is generously sponsored by the Walmart Foundation, the Comcast Foundation, the William & Sinforosa Tan Kaung Internship Endowment Fund, and Mary Ann & Paul C. Yu Internship Fund. ***(PR)***

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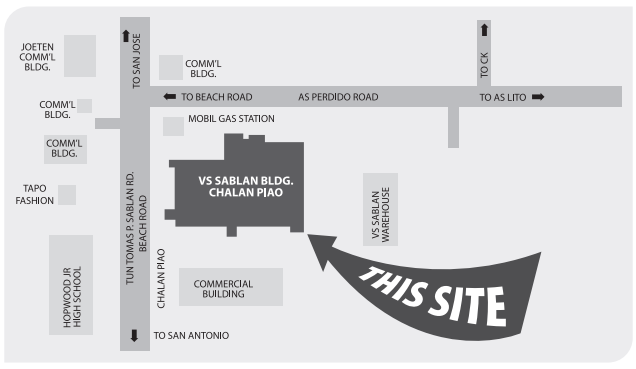

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Solving the youth immigrant crisis

The desire of parents to give their children a safer, better life is leading mothers and fathers in the violence-wracked Central American countries of Guatemala, El Salvador and Honduras to take terrible risks. By the thousands, they are turning over their kids—many of them teenagers but others as young as 4—to smugglers, praying they'll get through Mexico and into the United States.

Once here, mainly in Texas, the kids—several hundred of them every day—are picked up by the U.S. Border Patrol and detained temporarily in military bases and other government facilities. Meanwhile, the Obama administration, Congress and immigration advocates debate what to do. These are children, alone in a foreign country, frightened and confused, now wards of a legal system ill-equipped to shelter minors.

And those are the fortunate ones: "Our message absolutely is don't send your children unaccompanied, on trains or through a bunch of smugglers," President Barack Obama told ABC News on Thursday. "We don't even know how many of these kids don't make it, and may have been waylaid into sex trafficking or killed because they fell off a train."

America hasn't solved immigration reform, and it won't happen this year, leaving the overall system a mess. But gridlocked Washington has to get a handle on these young people, which requires fast, creative problem-solving. Part of the answer: a suggestion offered by former immigration official Doris Meissner of the Migration Policy Institute, who advocates an emergency "upfront hearing" system to adjudicate these cases quickly and definitively.

The response cannot be to just charter passenger jet flights south. U.S. immigration law doesn't allow authorities to turn back children of noncontiguous countries at the border. That means Mexican children apprehended in the U.S. are repatriated immediately. But Central Americans are taken into our overburdened immigration system, held for a time and then pushed out to family members or foster care to await a distantly scheduled immigration court hearing. Maybe they appear at those hearings; maybe they don't.

This gives you an idea of both the state of the immigration system and the challenge presented by all these children. The overall system is already clogged with more than 360,000 cases, according to Syracuse University researchers.

Now consider the explosive nature of the current crisis: The number of unaccompanied Central American kids apprehended on American soil this fiscal year reached 39,133 as of June 15, according to U.S. Customs and Border Protection. That's nearly double last year's total of 20,805—with three months to go in this fiscal year. Thousands more children arrive with guardians.

Parents from these poverty-stricken countries are spending as much as $5,000 or more to get their kids out of bad situations, betting that one way or another the children will gain a foothold in America. Home is poor and dangerous; the three countries have among the world's highest murder rates.

The coyotes—smugglers, often connected to the drug trade—have a good story to tell: American immigration is letting children into the country these days. The sales pitch is based on lies and misinformation, including the misconstrual of a grace program available to some children who arrived in the U.S. in 2007 or earlier.

But the current reality is so chaotic that there is a perverse truth to the smugglers' story of kids being allowed to stay here:

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The Fourth of July

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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There is nothing more sacred in the holidays of the United States than the Fourth of July. I am writing from across the northern border in Calgary, Alberta, where we just celebrated the bright red of Canada Day on July 1.

The young Canadian visa officer who welcomed me at the airport asked how long I intended to stay and had I been in Canada before, so I told him that I planned on being around for a couple of weeks but that I lived in the '70s in Saskatchewan. He gave me a long face and said: "Oh, I feel sorry for you!" Perhaps he was just showing me an example of the Canadian understated sense of humor, though I found out later that there is a sporting rivalry and social competition between the two provinces.

Some comments I made of late on the U.S. sound anti-American. I do not consider myself a contrarian but it is well to reflect on my country from outside its borders, particularly from the land of Justin Bieber who delights in the company of American ladies and Toronto Mayor Rob Ford who sniffs the white snuff readily available on our streets; there is a sporting but competitive ambience between the two countries.

One of the things we utter on the Fourth of July is our pledge of allegiance. *"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."*

A chronology of the pledge with additions in *italics* shows that the pledge began in 1892 simply as: "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the republic for which it stands, one nation indivisible, with liberty and justice for all." By 1922, "and the republic" became "and *to* the republic." By 1923, it became "allegiance to the Flag *of the United States,"* with "the United States *of America"* made specific by 1954, and finally, "one Nation *under God,"* from 1954 to the present.

The religious amongst us quarreled over the addition of *"under God"* inserted during President Eisenhower's watch, with the non-theist questioning the propriety of a loaded religious phrase in a secular pronouncement. The debate continues, though no longer on the denominational divide in Christendom as it once was, to the issue of religious relevance in the secular, scientific, and urban world.

"Indivisible" is reality in progress. Satirist Borowitz in *The New Yorker* wrote when Kerry urged Maliki to convene a unity government that Iraq might actually get a unity government before the United States gets close to being one. PM Maliki, of course, junked Kerry's suggestion since conflict rather than conciliation is the language of relationship in the region of black gold. At least the Iraqis are forthright without the pretense we go through in the U.S. political process.

On "liberty and justice for all," we strain hard to even come close to claiming that we are working on the project. In 1866, the first Civil Rights Act was passed to protect the African-American former slaves who became citizens to be treated equally under the law. That did not happen. It is now the 50th year of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, almost a century after the 1866 Act, outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. JFK started the '64 Act, and LBJ the consummate congressional master got it passed without much of a hitch, getting it refined in '65 with the Voting Rights Act, adding equal housing in '68, and the disabled, mentally ill, and the elderly thereafter. It remains a work in progress, though Obama gave the race issue a major dent from the discrimination I encountered in '65.

So "liberty and justice for all" remains a work in progress, particularly if one lives in Castro District of SF in the Bay Area with the LGBT crowd appropriately leading the WorldPride March this Fourth of July, now observed as a multigender celebration around the world. Some of my colleagues now concede that the legal status of same-sex marriage is a done deal (more pro-states exceed the *con*), like the way the Civil Rights Act 1964 led to the legal emancipation of the African-American from the structures of racial segregation, but the specifics of the unraveling remain a painful ordeal to many.

"Outlawing discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin" was the '64 Civil Rights Act's intent. New Zealand's 17 percent Maori made the country bilingual, and the 14 percent Asians that include rich Chinese has some folks talking about a multilingual civil society.

There are many in the U.S. who wants to retain an "English-only" national character, though signage in some states and major cities are in "Spanish and English." We recently commented how many residents are from Asia and Mexico west of the Rockies. With the Mongolian Native Americans, the West Coast of America might just as well be the East Pacific coast of Asia!

So the Fourth of July is no longer just recalling the heroic patriots and militiamen of Concord and Lexington of pre-1776 Declaration of Independence. The Fourth of July in our time is a celebration of the harmony in diversity that is a possible choice of citizens in a landmass shrinking in the digitized world. *Nos dejo.* Let's. *Soyons.*

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Setting the table

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Life is just one big list. Or maybe it's just a lot of small ones. So here's an unsung hero of the modern age: tables.

No, I'm not talking about a slab of wood on four legs. I'm talking about an often-overlooked feature in word processors that helps manage lists.

A table is just a grid, consisting of cells in which you put data. You've got columns. And you've got rows.

Spreadsheets, which are really just very evolved tables, can do more than plain old tables can. But the crowning virtue of tables is this: simplicity.

Because tables are integrated into word processors, they are easy to print, easy to integrate with text, and easy to use. The limitation is that they're only handy for a few columns. If you have any more than that, you're in spreadsheet territory.

The most important tool for a table is its sorting ability. They have other features, too, such as being able to add up a stack of numbers.

Let's make up a scenario here. Let's say we're studying a foreign language. We want to build a list of the foreign words that we're learning.

We could just as easily use customer data, aircraft specifications, checklists, an address book, or other such stuff as an example. It doesn't matter. Lists are lists.

For our theoretical vocabulary list, in the first column, we'll put the foreign word. In the second column, we'll put its definition in English. Easy, right? Each new word will be put on a new row. Thus, if we have 100 foreign words on our list, our list will have 100 rows, and each row will have two columns. This is entirely intuitive, so it soaks up more explanation than it really deserves.

After we've made some entries, we will want to sort the list. After all, it doesn't do us much good if it's random order. Would you want a randomly arranged phone book? Actually, that would be pretty cool. But it wouldn't be very useful.

We can sort the list so it's arranged in alphabetical order of the foreign words (first column). Or, we can sort it so that it's arranged in alphabetical order of the English definitions (second column). The big idea here is that any column can be used as the sorting criteria.

Now, you don't have to know this, since it's always listed in a menu, but I'll tell you anyway:

Generically speaking, the basic sort functions are ascending alphabetical order ("A" comes before "B"), descending alphabetical order ("B" comes before "A"), ascending numerical order (1 comes before 2) or descending numerical order (2 comes before 1).

Let's take this a step further. This is the juicy part, the thing that separates table amateurs from table maestros.

We'll add a third column to our vocabulary list. Here, we'll invent a number that corresponds to the importance of each word. The most important words (e.g. car, restaurant, lunch) will get, say, a code of 1. The slightly less important words (e.g. appointment, shoe, key) will get a 2. The really esoteric stuff (e.g. servo, wisp, grommet) will get a 3.

Having done that, when we want to study from the list, we can sort it in order of importance, so we encounter the most important words first. Or, if we want to play "stump the chump" with our pals, we can sort the list so the esoteric words come first.

Likewise, for an address list, we might make up a number code to distinguish between close friends, acquaintances, and business contacts. For an employee list, we might want to distinguish who is authorized to handle cash, and who isn't. For a manager list, we might want to have an order of preference for who to call in an emergency.

In tables, you can add, delete, or move columns or rows at will. You can make the rows taller or shorter, or the columns fatter or skinnier. You can blanket-format text in entire rows or columns. You can insert photos or graphics in the cells. You can sort as many times as you want; sort it one way, then resort it another way. Yes, you can run wild, like the free spirit that you are.

Heck, for a lot of situations, the question isn't why you'd use a table. It's why you wouldn't use a table.

A little bit of trial and error is the best way to learn this. Just peel open the table function in a word processor and mess around with it. It's easier done than said, which is the cruel paradox of writing about this stuff.

What can possibly go wrong? Nothing that I can see. Now, if you'll excuse me, I have to drive my servo to the wisp to have a bit of grommet.

Bankruptcy Enterprise!

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Salaries have remained the same for 20 years while basic needs have gone up by a combined reduction in family buying power of as much as 80 percent. Everybody's stuck in the filthy swamp of leadership passivity or mediocrity. It has morphed into a new flagship: Bankruptcy Enterprise!

But there's suspicious whispers of "economic recovery" which is so far removed from real life experiences of families literally struggling to make ends meet.

The medley of crisis implosion everywhere has paralyzed the entire community. And you sit hopelessly asking redundantly: What else is imploding? This as the narrative of bankruptcy takes its permanent seat with suspicious scaffolding from the corrosive culture of ad hoc planning.

Was this a matter of choice, therefore self-inflicted? Obviously, the debilitating condition came from leadership snoozing at the switchboard. Its negligence translates into hardship found everywhere. Our people are innocent victims of failure crashing and cascading heavily from the hill.

The mother goose of all implosions has displaced over 3,000 families who left the CNMI in search of greener pasture elsewhere in recent years. Eh, but the guys and gals came up with casino as the salvation to our fiscal and financial miseries. They believe in the fallacy that putting the camel's nose under the tent would resolve the mess!

Leadership here is a pipedream. "Incompetence breeds incompetence, and eventually the slowest-witted among us recognize the man who not only doesn't know what he's doing but won't listen to those who do. His earnest ignorance blights everything he touches."

For the longest time we've never had a plan founded on sound policies. Most everything falls into the convenient trap of the new corrosive culture of ad hoc planning as a result of the lack of vision. Policy dictates everything! We have none!

Thick layer of representation

If perchance you feel underrepresented, you're dead wrong and for good measure too. Let's revisit what I've spouted about government in years past: "Everything is government."

We believe in "everything is government" to the extent that we've piled layers of it one right after another. Let's list them for purposes of ocular review: Mayors of every municipality, municipal councils, legislative delegations, bicameral legislature, governor, lieutenant governor, over 15 Cabinet members, and boards and commissions.

It seems a bit too crowded, huh? Doesn't it remind you helping at a family party where folks cutting and slicing meat and vegetables around the table started stepping on each other's feet? But this is a festive occasion. There's nothing festive about running a crowded and inefficient government!

The beastly creature and its tentacles of half-cocked representatives are supposed to work the clock to assist the simple folks in the villages. But there's a virus on bureaucratic obesity that disables cranial and physical functions preventing the guys and gals from an honest day's work. As such we the taxpayers get the royal screw daily, weekly, and annually. Taxpayers get milked to the hilt. How long must we endure this egregious miscalculation in representation?

$100K for NM Who?

Redundancy is a term we've fallen in love with in recent past. This is attributable to the lack of framework upon which we buckle down to—skip addressing—and move to "resolving" indigenous issues. It's appalling the special ability to trash common sense altogether. The NMD bunch wanted its $100K come hell or high water. But let's revisit what you've skipped rather conveniently.

There are the constitutionally mandated offices such as Indigenous and Carolinian Affairs. Both are equipped with staff and capital equipment to fulfill what the NMD bunch wanted done. Can the Legislature dispose of DPL funds from the Managaha landing fees? The Constitution leaves no room for politicians in the instant case. In brief, stay constitutional and don't simply take the quick exit in the commission of fiat. In other words, pertinent constitutional provision says DPL subtracts "administrative expenses," the balance of which is remitted to MPLT. The only permissible appropriation is "earned interest" from MPLT's investment turned over to the general fund. Or did I miss something in between?

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Car leases: There's the silent humongous expense "we the taxpayers" fork out for our overly paid elected elite. It's known as "car leases" worked up with various car dealers. Throughout the life of the contract, two to four years, we the taxpayers pay for auto services when the vehicle has mechanical and other problems.

When the public official's term ends, he slips by the side and buys the leased car, paying the balance. I mean, since when did we taxpayers agree that you could avail of such sweetheart deal at our expense? I strongly recommend that the public auditor probe this issue and get back what's owed taxpayers. Give us back our money spent on auto service and other expenses during the life of the contract. Eh, a fraud is a fraud is a fraud no matter how you dice or splice it!

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Hello! In bad times, it's good to learn from the lessons of history. The state of New Hampshire pays its legislators $100 per year. It pays the least that does the best. Isn't it time we also critically review whether a bicameral system is still relevant or is it more on the side of completely uselessness? It spends over $4.8 million annually for what? Has it moved the needle of growth forward? In other words, what has it done to improve family income over the last 20 years? It's all in the palm of our hands. Think about it!

SOLVING

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Every detained child eventually is released from custody, with a court date. Those who can prove returning home presents an imminent threat may be granted asylum; most—if they do someday appear at hearings—likely will be deported. But from Honduras or elsewhere, the story sounds different: The Americans are handing out "permiso"—a get-out-of-detention-free card. Actually, permiso is the paperwork for a court date. But when a youth calls home with what sounds like good news, more vow to come.

And so you have kids getting to places like McAllen, Texas, briefed on what to do next: Look for someone in a green Border Patrol uniform and turn yourself in. Border agents keep detainees for up to 72 hours, then transfer custody to the Department of Health and Human Services, which has patched together a network of temporary holding centers in places such as Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Of course, comprehensive immigration reform might help resolve things. But these scenes of thousands of kids scrambling across the border into U.S. custody, with many of them at least temporarily being allowed to stay here, only exterminates, at least for now, the chance of a thoughtful policy debate.

Observing the humanitarian crisis from here, we propose two immediate steps to address a difficult situation:

First, spread the word to Central America as loudly and clearly as possible that there is no successful smuggling route into the U.S.—there is no permiso. There is only danger for children, followed by a traumatizing stay in a government holding center and then deportation. Obama must continue speaking out.

Second, the idea suggested by Meissner in a Dallas Morning News op-ed: Ramp up special court proceedings, apart from the already overloaded immigration hearing system, to evaluate the children while they're still in custody. Some might merit asylum. And the judicial protocol would allow the U.S. to repatriate the vast majority to their home countries.

In other words: Ensure children are safe and comfortable, create a fair adjudication system and then promptly rule. Yes, there are questions to resolve about how to properly investigate cases and provide legal counsel. But we must send these children home soon.

That's the only way to convince Latino parents there is no point to putting their children in the hands of smugglers.

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY
Mostly cloudy and windy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 25 to 35 mph.
▲87° ▼78°

SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy and breezy with numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms. South winds 20 to 25 mph.
▲87° ▼79°

SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼79°

MONDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼79°

TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲88° ▼79°

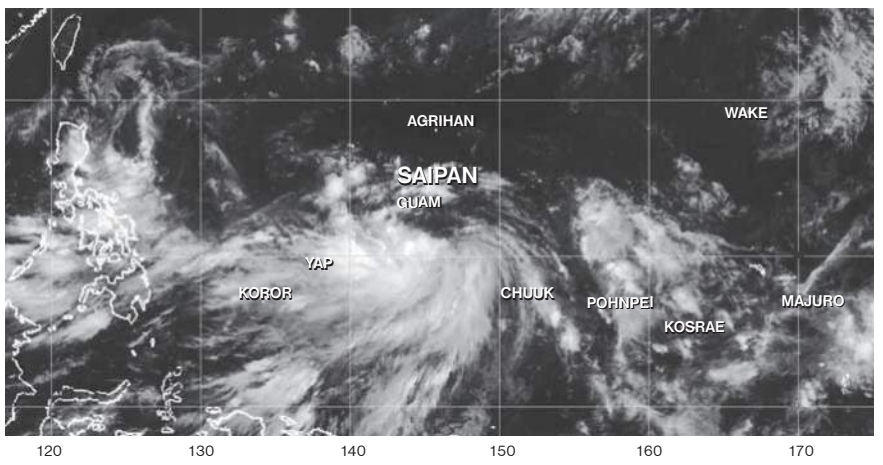
Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼81
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Showers	▲54	▼53
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲89	▼72
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲87	▼81
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲80	▼62
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲88	▼66
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲57	▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲89	▼78
New York	Thunderstorms	▲87	▼72
Osaka	Showers	▲83	▼70
Paris	Showers	▲78	▼64
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼67
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲91	▼72
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼52
San Francisco	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼53
Seoul	Sunny	▲86	▼65
Tokyo	Rain	▲77	▼69
Washington, DC	Thundershowers	▲93	▼70

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Newly-developed Tropical Depression 08W is centered 315 miles south-southeast of Guam near 9N146E moving west-northwest at 12 mph with maximum sustained winds of 30 mph. Showers and thunderstorms associated with 08W are found mainly east of Yap and south of Guam between 5N and 12N from 140E to 150E. For more information on Tropical Depression 08W, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. A monsoon trough stretches east-southeastward from the northern Philippines through 13N130E to Tropical Depression 08W then continues east-southeastward past Chuuk to 2N159E. Low-level convergence in the monsoon westerlies west of Tropical Depression 08W is producing widespread cloudiness, numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms between 4N and 11N from 130E to 140E including Palau and Yap. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are also found south of Palau between the equator and 3N from 133E to 137E and farther east between the equator and 3N from 142E to 146E. Low-level convergence is producing scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Chuuk within 50 miles of a line from 8N152E to 4N155E and across Pohnpei in the area bounded by 14N155E to 9N164E to 1N159E back to 14N155E. A surface trough extends from south of Kosrae at 4N163E eastward to 5N180. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found between 2N and 8N from 164E to the date line including Majuro and Butaritari. An upper-level low centered northeast of Wake Island at 22N169E is generating isolated thunderstorms between 24N and 18N from 168E to 176E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:14 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
7:48 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
12:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
7:07 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.4 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Saturday	5:51 AM	6:52 PM
Sunday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Monday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM
Tuesday	5:52 AM	6:52 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	11:10 AM	11:28 PM
Saturday	11:59 AM	
Sunday	12:48 PM	12:07 AM
Monday	1:40 PM	12:49 AM
Tuesday	2:35 PM	1:35 AM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	9:50pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

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GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

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GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

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MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

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UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

What are you young professionals waiting for?

I met six young professionals this week and three others in the last few weeks and probably can meet 20 more this week if I really go looking for them. I see how they carry themselves, their self-assurance, and their easy countenance around others. Nine are NMDs with at least one Chamorro parent, two are of Filipino descent, and all are U.S. citizens. Only three are registered to vote. The youngest is 22, the oldest 33. All have been to a mainland university and all have a bachelor's or master's degree in such diverse fields as business management, marine biology, liberal arts, accounting, literature, IT, and education. But not one of you knows any of the others. One of you needs to take a leading role in setting up and monitoring a young persons' club or association for all the hundreds, maybe thousands of others like you. Get the word out. Alone, the CNMI hydra will swallow you up, one by one, and you will end up doing nothing productive, like all before you. United, you just might make enough noise to make the fossils that run this place listen to your new, fresh, exciting solutions to our myriad of challenges. You know the answers are on YouTube; they don't.

Governor, please come clean

Gov. Eloy Inos, you couldn't talk for four minutes without contradicting yourself. In the fifth paragraph of your State of the Commonwealth speech, you state, "When I assumed the Office of the Governor, people were questioning government integrity, doubting its honesty and criticizing its lack of transparency." Duh, one of your first acts as governor was to slip a badly and hastily written "midnight hour" casino bill on us, which violates all three of these tenets.

Inos was the director or supervisor of all of the former Trust Territory finances from 1971 to 1987. From 1987 to 1994 he was the director of Finance for the CNMI. From 1994 to 2006 he was employed in various positions in the private sector, most in positions where he worked directly with CNMI governors and department heads. From 2006 to 2009 he was secretary of Finance, again, for the CNMI. For him to say he didn't know what the financial situation of the CNMI government, CUC, CHC, and the pension fund was is ridiculous. He has been working with TT and CNMI governments and government budgets for over 40 years and we accountants know how to read figures after a while. Generally accepted accounting practices dictate we notify directors, stockholders, owners, the IRS if necessary, the FBI if warranted, and anyone else that might need to know when we find problems, and not nearly as big as the ones that the CNMI had when Mr. Inos was the boss. It may be bad politics to let the general public know how bad things were but he wasn't in politics when these problems came up and he had a responsibility to the public that he hid, or at the very least didn't report, which resulted in the same outcome. Now as governor he apparently is still practicing secret deals and trying to keep the public in the dark, just as he did when he was director of Finance. This guy does not deserve your trust anymore. Anyone that votes for this man must like the dark, shady side of politics.

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New vision and new direction in American democracy

By JUAN NEKAI BABAUTA and JUAN SABLAN TORRES
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The framers of the American Constitution crafted a rulebook for a new kind of nation. They wanted a strong central government to maintain order yet splintered enough to ensure that no faction could ever impose its will upon the rest of the country. They wanted a democracy where the voice of the majority would reign, but where the rights of the minority would be protected. Faced with these contradictory goals, the founding fathers managed to write one of the most revolutionary document the world has ever seen. They created a political system that has survived for over 200 years. Amidst a multitude of conflicting policy goals over the course of its history, America continually struggled to maintain a balance between an efficient government and the preservation of individual rights.

The forbearers of the Northern Mariana Islands forged an agreement that reflected the American tradition of self-governance and checks-and-balances. In order to develop realistic goals in the NMI, it is essential that one understands the history of the politics in relation to the United Nations' mandates and how that history has helped to shape the current situation. The Northern Marianas has involved itself in "negotiated agreements" with the United States in the past several decades; the outcomes of those *agreements* have deeply affected the attitude of the Northern Marianas people. Northern Marianas political history is not simply a litany of events placed in chronological order; it is the study of how certain events transform the rules of the game and how changes in the rules of the game affect future events. It sets the boundaries for how long a de facto government, especially one that is not elected by the will of the people. Exacerbating the prolonged social and political crisis is the perpetual marginalization and debasement of the NMI's standard of living, contrary to what was provided for in the Covenant Agreement. What we are seeing at present is a gap between an efficient government and the preservation of individual rights embedded in our founding documents.

While everyone seems to complain about the growing influence of distant and self-interested special interest groups, few admit to belonging to any. Analysis and reasoned public discourse have given way to furious diatribes and paranoid rants. As active citizenry, we are obligated to engage in a methodical process of questioning, evaluating assumptions, gathering information, analyzing and planning prior to taking action. The events of recent situations demonstrated otherwise. It appears that the people we expect the most from to protect the people's interest have simply functioned in routines they don't even question, or see the need for. In rejecting the status quo which is intricately factored in the present suffering, and installing visionary and committed leaders and leadership with public purpose focus, the quality combination that is guided by a forward looking vision could we the people ever hope, or even expect to reverse the countless sufferings that emanate in self-installed government, contrary to one that is mandated by its citizenry.

Caring about our CNMI, our place of birth, involves thinking logically and deeply about the future. It requires us to be problem-solvers now and not delay problem-solving to others. It means embracing the idea that where we want to be in five to 10, or even 15 years from now should inform what we do today. Being a part of the solution requires regular interaction, engagement, and participation in the political process in which *all* endeavors are geared toward making our Northern Mariana Islands, including GANI Islands north of Saipan, dynamic, adaptive, sustainable, and progressive—a place we call home, where ample opportunities exist for our children, and a home where we freely choose to live and spend the rest of our lives and die here.

Freely choosing in a transparent manner leaders and quality leadership that fit the demand of the times require meaningful participation in the democratic electoral process—a process available to all citizens, in which every citizen is guaranteed the right of participation without fear, uncertainty, political intimidation, coercion, duress, and harassment. Indeed, the centerpiece of American democracy provides fundamental rights to life, liberty and freedom—deeply rooted values all peace-loving republics cherish, the same values that citizens in the CNMI are entitled to. But these cherished values come at a price in the ultimate sacrifice of our men and women in uniform in the U.S. armed forces, our veterans, and our local marine scouts.

The lives of these fine men and women in uniform ought not to be lost in vain. In their memory, we are obligated to safeguard democracy by placing our trust and confidence on leaders with clear and purposeful directions, whose bold and innovative solutions are designed to give all generations, present and future, an opportunity to move forward and upward in prosperity and success!

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SANTA RITA, Guam—Starting July 4, U.S. Naval Base Guam will begin playing the national anthem on the broadcast system commonly known as the Giant Voice.

It is a time-honored tradition to play the national anthem while raising the U.S. flag on a military installation. This time is referred to as "Colors." Currently the anthem is played at the NBG headquarters each morning.

"This is a time to take a moment of our day to show respect for the U.S. flag and honor all the men and women who have fought to defend the freedoms we enjoy today," said Capt. Andy Anderson, NBG commanding officer.

The national anthem and evening colors will be played at 8am and sunset daily, respectively, through the Giant Voice in the following areas: Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Guam, South Finegayan housing, Flag Circle, I Puntan at Nimitz Hill, North and South Tipalao, Camp Covington, Apra View, Naval Magazine site (upper and lower), Lockwood Housing, U.S. Naval Hospital Guam, U.S. Coast Guard and Polaris Point.

Military personnel are required to stop, face the direction of the flag or sound, and render a salute if in uniform. Those not in uniform should stand at attention. All vehicles on base must also come to a complete stop and wait for the music to end. ***(NBG)***

CDAC to destroy 2007-2008 records of clients

The Public School System Early Intervention Program would like to inform parents of infants and toddlers who received Early Intervention Services at the Children's Developmental Assistance Center from 2007-2008 that your child's records are no long needed by the program and therefore will be destroyed in a manner that ensures all personal identifiers are removed from the record and the record is no longer personally identifiable.

The Early Intervention Program will maintain indefinitely a permanent record of your child's name, address, phone numbers, entry date, exit date, and eligibility information.

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For more information, call Robin Palacios, Interim Coordinator, Early Intervention Program at CDAC at 664-4841. ***(CDAC)***

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Diploma from technical / vocational course on automobile gas / diesel engines with minimum 4 years experience in electrical, electronic, pneumatic, hydraulic system and gas / diesel engine maintenance. Minimum 2 years supervisory experience.

Technical Operations Manager (1)
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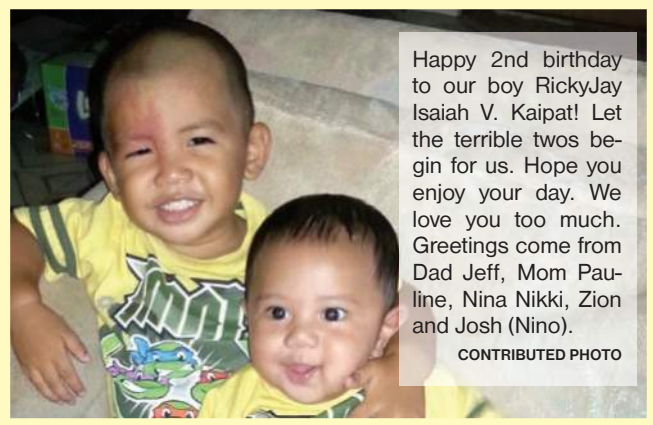
BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday greetings go out to the Taitano boys (from left to right): to Nathan, who will celebrate his special day tomorrow, July 5; to Alfonso, who will mark his birthday on July 15; and Travis, whose special day is on July 25! May God continue to bless you always! Lots of love from Mom and Dad, Kylee and Benigno. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



Happy 2nd birthday to our boy RickyJay Isaiah V. Kaipat! Let the terrible twos begin for us. Hope you enjoy your day. We love you too much. Greetings come from Dad Jeff, Mom Pauline, Nina Nikki, Zion and Josh (Nino).
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Governor Eloy S. Inos

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Today, as America celebrates 238 years of independence, we as a community commemorate the 69th Anniversary of our Freedom.

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As we enjoy our Liberation Day celebration this year, let us do more than celebrate our own freedom and liberation. Let us commemorate the sacrifices that were made which are the foundation of the resolve our people show to keep forging ahead through every obstacle.

In a special way, we also take the time to honor the men who helped our people get out of the despair World War II brought: our former mayors who now look after us from above, for it is their past work that guides their successors today to continue serving our villages and our Commonwealth.

Today, we experience another Reunion of Honor, this time as a people grateful for the privileges freedom has given them. May you and your loved ones truly embrace the spirit of this day and who and what make it so special.

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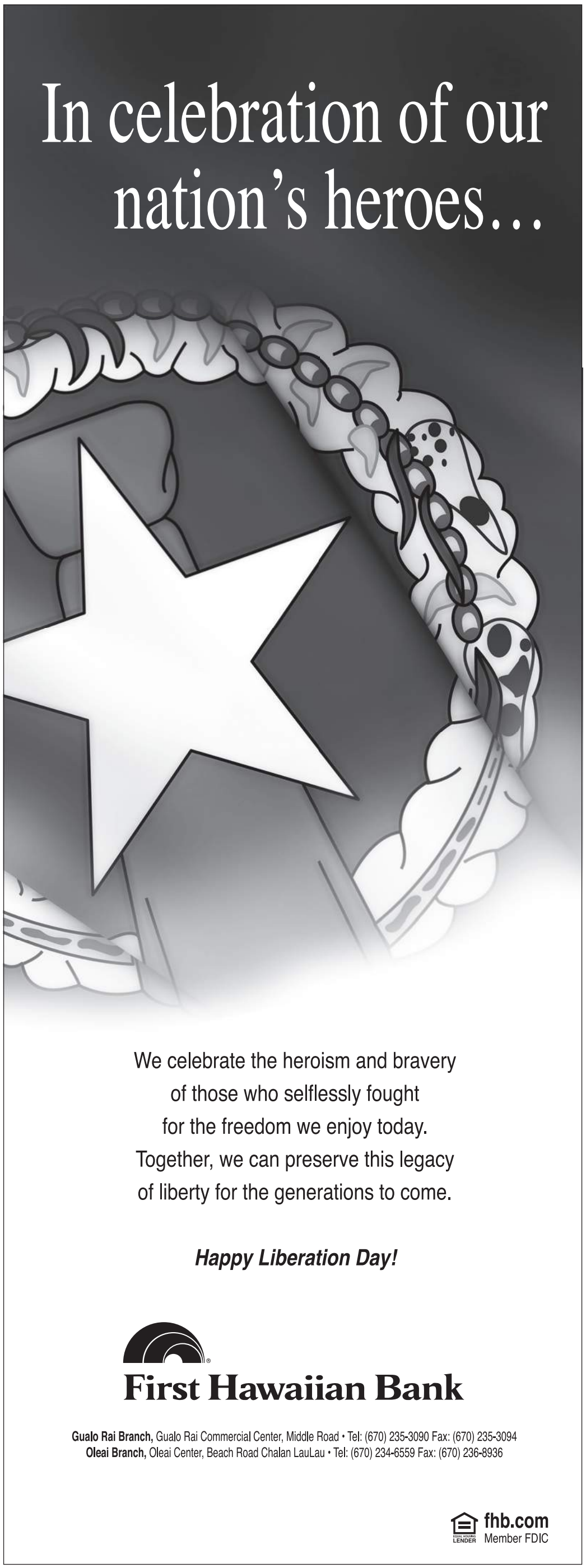
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Hofschneider meets with USACE on needs of Tinian, Rota harbors

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider met with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Tuesday, June 24, 2014, for a courtesy visit and had the chance to discuss with them the issues surrounding the Tinian and Rota harbors.

This is the second time Hofschneider met with USACE this year as part of his continuing effort to improve the harbors on the two islands. Present at the meeting was USACE Division Commander MG Rick Stevens who, before meeting with Hofschneider, visited the Tinian harbor to witness the condition of the island's breakwater.

"The harbor on Tinian plays a key role in its economy. With the island's constant shipping needs—and its potential future use by the island's tourism industry and the U.S. military—it is necessary to have a proper and functional marina," explained Hofschneider. "A feasibility study for the harbor's finger piers will soon be underway, and will bring us one step closer to its eventual rehabilitation."

"But before we can make any improvements, we must first make sure the breakwater is in place—an expensive but necessary task," he said. "Fixing it is really the only long term solution. Otherwise, the inner harbor will remain unprotected and we will continue having the same problems."

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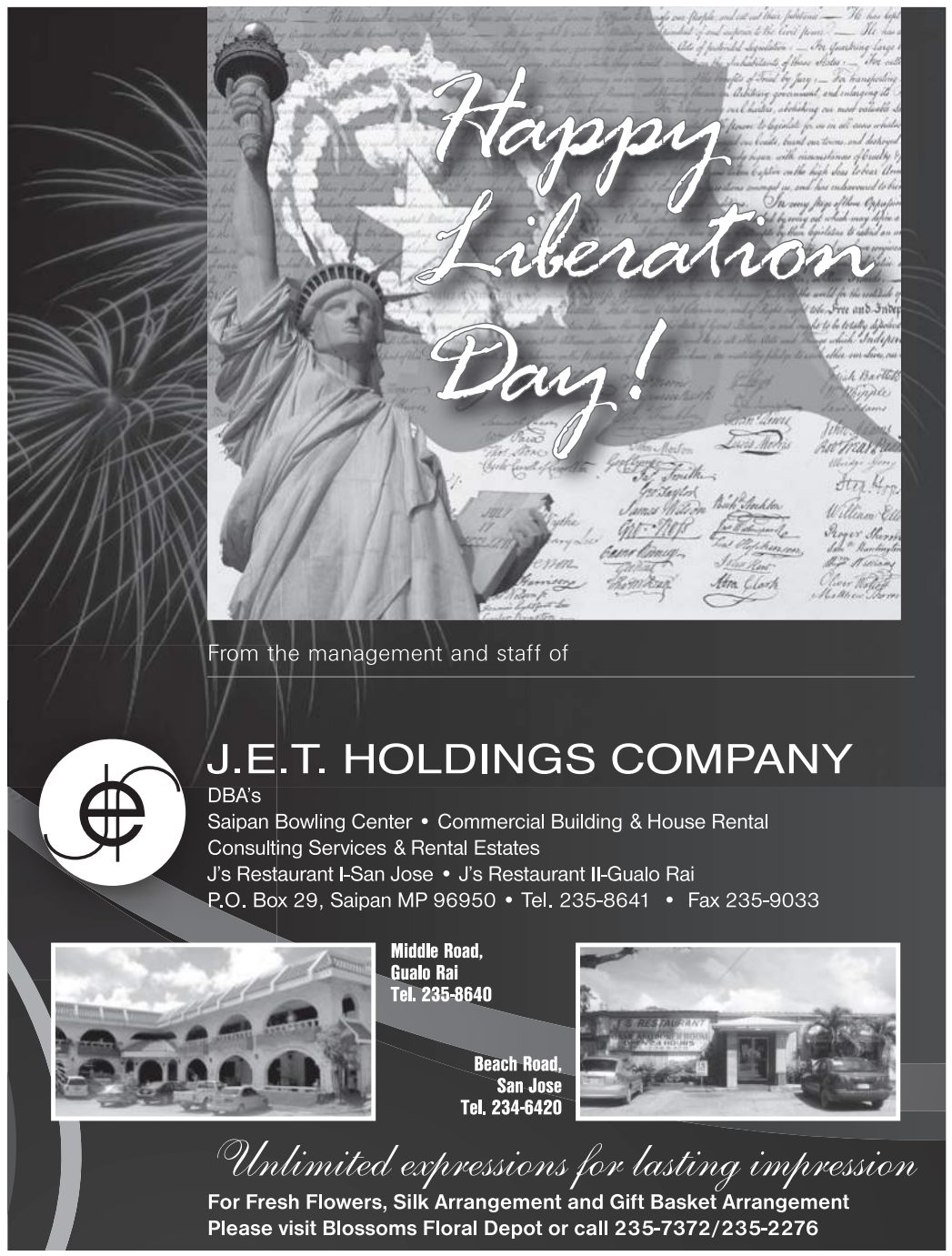
Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, left, with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Division Commander MG Rick Stevens.

Hofschneider stated that it was a productive meeting, as USACE offered a cost-share agreement with the local government to put the Tinian and Rota harbor improvements into their planning stage—saving the government millions of dollars needed for this effort. Moving forward, Hofschneider will meet with the Tinian and Rota Leaderships to discuss the possibility of providing that needed support through capital improvement project funds. ***(PR)***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The Asia Pacific Academy of Sciences, Science Education, and Environmental Management is pleased to co-host a public presentation by federal and local researchers who will have just returned from an expedition to the pelagic and nearshore waters off our archipelago's northernmost islands. Led by NOAA-vessel lead scientist Robert L. Humphreys Jr., the group's talk will begin at 6:30pm and close at 8pm at the American Memorial Park auditorium this Saturday evening, July 5. In addition to NOAA staff, local scientists from the CNMI Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality and the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be presenting on the voyage's array of inquiry topics and findings, along with descriptions of the various instruments and methods used. As at all APASEEM meetings, topical questions from audience members are strongly encouraged. For more information visit our local academy's website at www.apaseem.org or write to us at apaseem@gmail.com.

In addition to the presentation, scientists and crew of the *Oscar Elton Sette*, our regions' principal NOAA fishery research vessel, will host scientist-guided tours at an open house for persons interested in visiting the ship itself, also this Saturday at Charlie Dock, Saipan, from noon to 4pm. For information about the ship and its ongoing mission, see NOAA's ship flier at http://www.omao.noaa.gov/publications/os_flier.pdf.

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Requires: High School Diploma, GED certificate or any combination of education, training, and experience which demonstrates ability to perform room cleaning, carpentry, plumbing, glass replacement, painting, masonry, grounds keeping, appliance repair, and electrical wiring; and use a variety of hand and power tools used in the maintenance and repair of building facilities. Minimum of two to three years experience as an Electrician and one year of apprenticeship experience in manufacturing or either construction; or a combination of experience, training and education in housekeeping and in related field, preferably with knowledge of the hotel industry.

This position is responsible for the upkeep of hotel facilities. The responsibilities include guest room cleaning according to standards and analyzing and correcting electrical problems, repairing and overhauling electrical equipment and controls and promoting efficient consumption of utilities.

Applications can be obtained at the security post located on the south wing of Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 11, 2014. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

Century Hotel is an Equal Opportunity Employer
Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

Century Tours Inc.
Is inviting qualified U.S. workers to apply for the following positions:

General Manager, Retail (1)
College degree with management major and at least five (5) years of progressive retail management experience. Preferably with experience in managing a high-volume ($10 million+ annual sales) retail establishment.

Operations Manager (1)
College or Associate's degree in Management or any related field. At least three (3) years of progressive management experience in retail store operations is required. Preferably with management and related experience in merchandising and logistics. Written and verbal communications skills in Chinese (Mandarin) preferred, must be able to communicate with Chinese vendors and suppliers.

Operations Supervisor, China Market (1)
High School Diploma, GED, or equivalent. At least three (3) years work experience as a tour operations staff in a tour/travel agency, preferably with at least two (2) years of experience supervising a team of tour sales agents. Must be able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin).

Accountant (1)
Associate or College degree in Accounting. At least three (3) years work experience in general and financial accounting in a tour operation or sales or service based work environment.

Cashier (1)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent with at least one (1) year work-related skill, knowledge, or experience.

Operations Assistant, China Market (1)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least two (2) years office experience in tour operation or sales or service related work. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin).

Operations Clerk, China Market (2)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least one (1) year office experience in travel or tour operation or sales or service based work environment. Must be computer-literate and able to speak and write in Chinese (Mandarin).

Inventory Planner, Retail (1)
College or Associate's degree in a related field or equivalent experience. At least two (2) years planning, distribution and merchandising analysis experience. Proficient in various computer software application and inventory systems.

Supervisor, Retail (2)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. At least three (3) years of related supervisory experience in a luxury retail environment. Must have the knowledge and computer skills to handle the POS register and other operations and communication systems.

Visual Merchandiser, Retail (1)
College or Associate's degree in a related field. At least two (2) years experience in visual merchandising and presentation.

Sales Associate, Retail (10)
High School Diploma, GED or equivalent. Prior experience in luxury retail sales is preferred including the ability to speak in Chinese (Mandarin). Must be able to lift, carry or otherwise move objects weighing up to 15 pounds.

Interested applicants may send their applications to hr_ctr@tanholdings.com. To be considered, applications must be submitted not later than July 11, 2014. Applications for Employment are available at the Human Resources Department located at the Century Tours Office, Kanoa Resort, Beach Road, Susupe Village. Background checks and pre-employment drug testing will be required prior to employment.

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Qualified Women, Minorities, Veterans and Persons with Disabilities are urged to apply.

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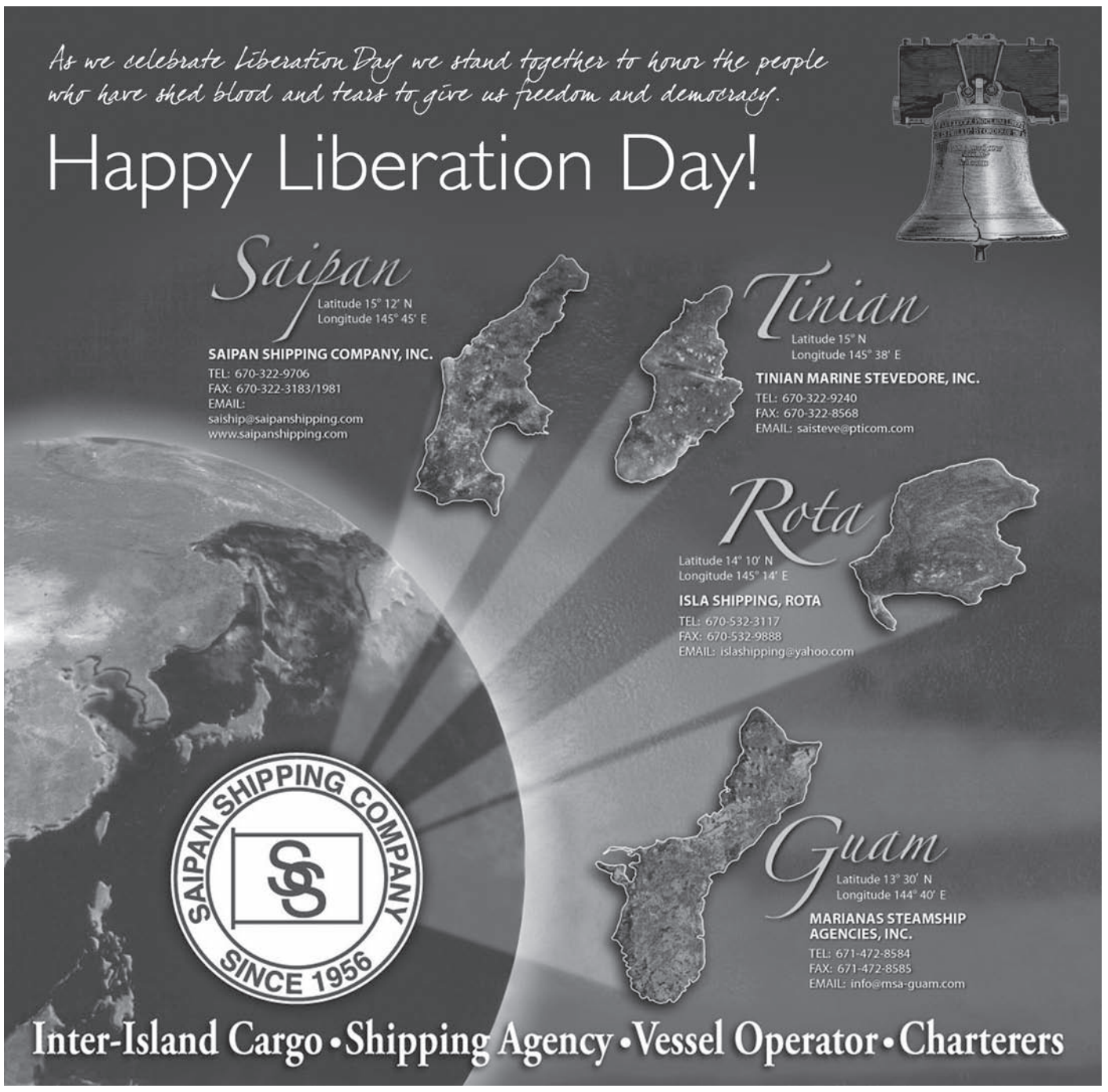

May the sun in his course visit no land more free, more happy, more lovely, than this our own country.
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Happy Liberation Day!
Greetings from
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CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

Off The Wall

Lost for 60 years, ring turns up in a now dry Texas lake

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)—An 84-year-old Washington state woman will soon hold her 1953 university class ring, lost six decades ago, after it was found in a dried-up West Texas lake.

Elizabeth Clark lost her Howard Payne University class ring in 1954 in Lake Nasworthy near San Angelo when she and her future husband went for a picnic and waded into the water. Clark said she wasn't certain where she had lost the ring—after discovering it was missing, she looked around her home before going back to search at the lake.

After years of drought, the ring revealed itself in the lake bed and it was found in March. Someone from the school's alumni association drove to San Angelo to retrieve the ring and was able to identify it from the initials—AEL for Addie Elizabeth Little—inside the band.

"I worked hard for that ring," Clark said. "I'm grateful it was found and that it was in good shape after 60 years."

The ring, which is 10-karat gold with a blue stone, needed some cleaning up by a local jeweler.

Clark's daughter, Donna Clark-Love of Houston, said her mother was delighted.

"She cried, she was just couldn't believe it," she said. "This was like the highlight of her life. She is just thrilled."

Clark, one of 16 children, was the only one who finished college. She got her degree in elementary education and taught fifth grade in California for the Santa Anna Unified School District, where he daughter said she won a teacher of the year award.

The ring will be returned to Clark at a family reunion Friday in her hometown of Brownfield, about 40 miles southwest of Lubbock. The woman who found the ring, Lindsay Waddell, will present it to Clark.

"I think she's more excited about getting the ring back than coming to the reunion," Clark-Love said.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Bear rescued after head gets stuck in cookie jar

RINGWOOD, N.J. (AP)—A frightened bear cub got its head stuck in an oversized cookie jar while rummaging through some trash and had to be rescued from a tree in New Jersey. Environmental Protection Department spokesman Larry Ragonese says the 6-month-old cub apparently found the animal crackers jar Friday night in Ringwood, near the New York border. As the 28-pound animal tried to eat what remained in the jar, he apparently pulled it over his head and it got stuck. The cub became spooked when approached and went up a tree, but got wedged about 40 feet up. DEP staffers arranged netting in case the bear fell to the ground. After the animal was tranquilized by a DEP biologist, it was brought down and local firefighters gingerly cut the jar off its head.

Utah police: Woman said meth was a birthday gift

PROVO, Utah (AP)—Police in Provo, Utah, have arrested a 46-year-old woman accused of attempting to buy methamphetamine from an off-duty police officer and claiming the purchase was a birthday gift for her sister. A police report shows Heather Rodriguez was arrested Monday evening after she approached the off-duty officer and displayed a glass pipe. Authorities say she then told police she was trying to buy methamphetamine for her sister's birthday. Records say she also told police the pipe was not hers and she was holding it for a friend.

Letter written in Maine 83 years ago delivered

SKOWHEGAN, Maine (AP)—A letter written by a Maine school teacher in 1931 to her mother 150 miles away has finally been delivered—83 years later. Twenty-three-year-old Miriam McMichael sent the nine-page letter from Houlton to Dollena McMichael in Pittsfield. Both women have since died. The letter was lost and only recently found at the Pittsfield post office. Postal worker Michelle Rowell found it and tells the Morning Sentinel she knew it was old because of the 2-cent stamp. The postmaster and town officials tracked down the family, and the letter is now in the hands of 69-year-old Ann MacMichael, of Cornville, Miriam's niece and Dollena's granddaughter.

Rare Poitou donkey born in Massachusetts

STERLING, Mass. (AP)—A rare Poitou donkey has been born in Massachusetts. The male donkey was born Saturday at Davis Farmland, a petting zoo, spray park and animal sanctuary in the central Massachusetts town of Sterling. Co-owner Larry Davis says there are only about 100 purebred Poitou donkeys in the world. They were once widespread work animals on farms but fell out of favor with the rise of motorized machinery. The baby donkey's parents are Duke and Duchess, two adults who came to Davis Farmland together from Tennessee just over a year ago.

Science & Technology

Google adding more musical chops with Songza purchase

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Google is fine-tuning its digital music strategy with the acquisition of Songza, a service that creates soundtracks tailored for people's changing moods.

Financial terms of the deal announced Tuesday were not disclosed. That means the price is considered to be too small to affect Google Inc., which ended March with $59 billion in cash.

The acquisition highlights the growing importance of services that customize playlists as more people listen to music through Internet connections on their smartphones, tablets and personal computers.

Apple Inc. is buying headphone maker Beats Electronics for $3 billion largely because it prizes the song-picking prowess of a digital music service that Beats has been building. The music service combines automated formulas with the expertise of a team led by Beats' co-founders, longtime recording industry executive Jimmy Iovine and hip-hop producer and rapper Dr. Dre.

Amazon.com Inc. also recently rolled out a music-streaming service that is part the company's $99-per-year Prime package.

Those two technology powerhouses, along with Google, are trying to topple the early leaders in music streaming, Pandora Media Inc. and Spotify.

Britain opens probe into Facebook's psych experiment

LONDON (AP)—British regulators are investigating revelations that Facebook treated hordes of its users like laboratory rats in an experiment probing into their emotions.

The Information Commissioner's Office said Wednesday that it wants to learn more about the circumstances underlying a 2-year-old study carried out by two U.S. universities and the world's largest social network.

The inquiry is being coordinated with authorities in Ireland, where Facebook has headquarters for its European operations, as well as with French regulators.

This is just the latest in a string of incidents that have raised questions about whether the privacy rights of Facebook's nearly 1.3 billion users are being trampled by the company's drive to dissect data and promote behavior that could help sell more online advertising.

In this case, Facebook allowed researchers to manipulate the content that appeared in the main section, or "news feed," of about 700,000 randomly selected users during a single week in January 2012. The data-scientists were trying to collect evidence to prove their thesis that people's moods could spread like an "emotional contagion" depending on the tenor of the content that they were reading.

The study concluded that people were more likely to post negative updates about their lives after the volume of positive information appearing in their Facebook feeds had been purposefully reduced by the researchers. The opposite reaction occurred when the number of negative posts appeared in people's news feeds.

None of the participants in the Facebook experiments were explicitly asked for their permission, though the social network's terms of use appears to allow for the company to manipulate what appears in users' news feeds however it sees fits.

Facebook's data-use policy says the Menlo Park, California, company can deploy user information for "internal operations, including troubleshooting, data analysis, testing, research and service improvement."

The reaction to the study itself provided evidence of how quickly an emotional contagion can spread online. The research was released a month ago, but it didn't provoke a backlash until the past few days after other social media sites and essays in The New York Times and The Atlantic raised red flags about the ethics of Facebook's experiment.

Treat your iPhone like a camera

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

QUESTION: I have an iPhone 5 and I'm trying to move the photos I took with it to my PC. But I can't open the ".ithmb files" on the iPhone that contain my photographs. I want to open and copy these photos before I dump my iPhone and start over with a Samsung smartphone, which Verizon Wireless assures me will be more compatible with my PC. How can I do it?

ANSWER: You need to treat your iPhone like the digital camera that it is. That means viewing its photos through Windows Explorer instead of iTunes, which was never designed to be a photo-viewing program.

When connected to your PC's Windows Explorer program via USB cable, your iPhone will display photos in the standard JPEG format that can be viewed or stored on the PC. You don't have to deal with .ithmb files, an Apple format that your PC can't read without first using a file conversion program.

Here's how to import all your iPhone photos to your PC at once: After connecting your iPhone to the PC, open Windows Explorer. You'll probably see a menu that offers to "import pictures and videos." If you don't see that menu, right-click the iPhone icon in Windows Explorer and from the resulting menu choose "import pictures and videos."

If you want to import only some of your iPhone photos, use the same menu to choose "open device to view files." When your pictures appear in the Windows Explorer directory, you can drag and drop individual photos from the list to your computer's C drive. You might want to put them in a particular file folder to make them easy to find.

For step-by-step directions that take into account the differences between Windows 7 and Windows 8, see Apple's support page, at http://tinyurl.com/3yl9fv2.

I would disregard the advice of the person who told you that a Samsung phone is more compatible with your PC than an iPhone is. They're about the same.

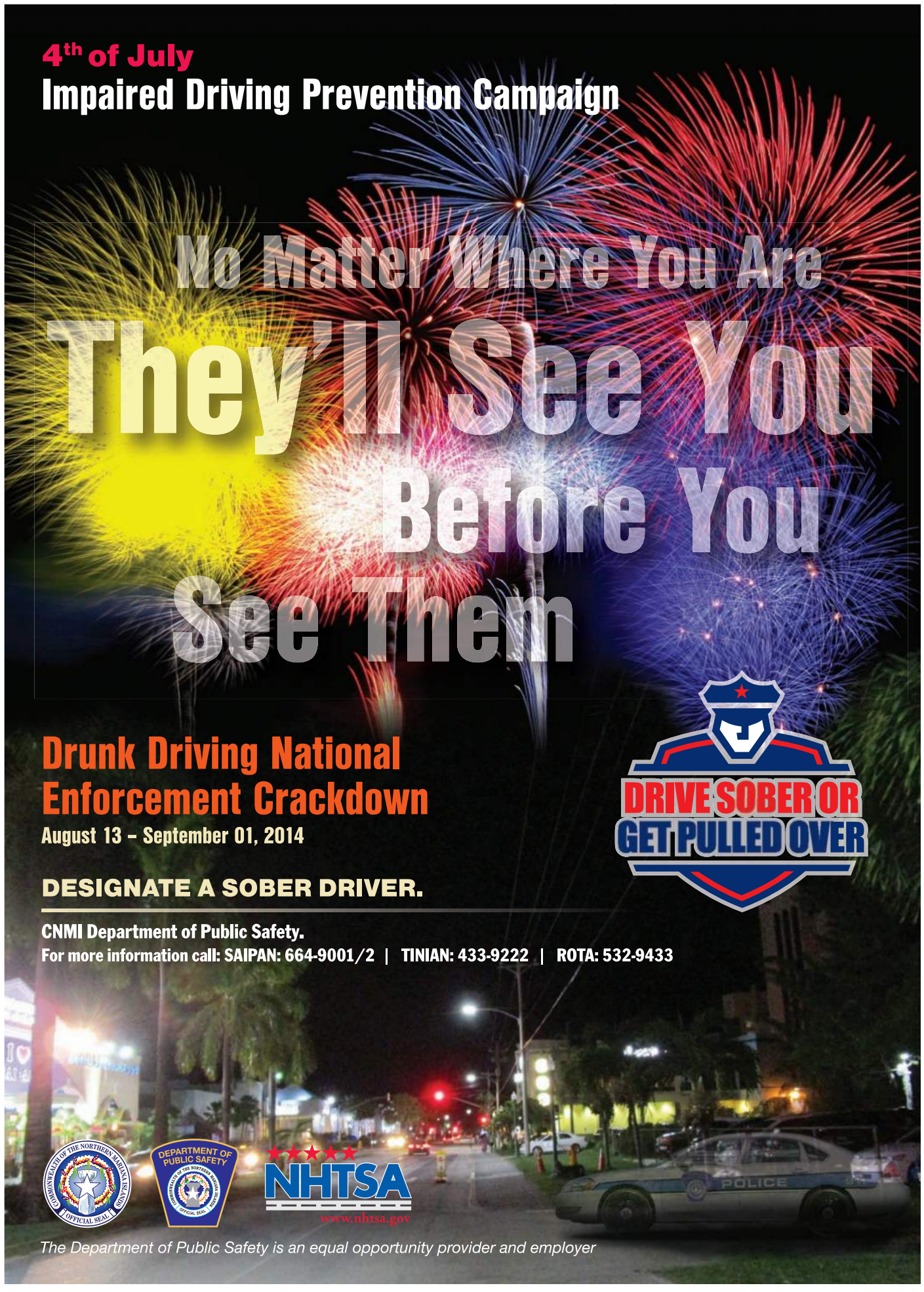
Q: When I recently joined Google Plus (Google's social media service), I didn't realize what I was getting into. Google Plus started storing my photos and videos to the Google cloud, which took forever and seemed to slow down my laptop. In addition, my Google storage capacity quickly went from 18 percent full to 55 percent.

As a result, I want to leave the Google Plus service, but continue to use other Google services, such as Gmail and the photo editing program Picasa. How can I do that?

A: You can drop Google Plus and continue to use Google's more popular services, such as Gmail and Picasa. In addition, you won't lose your Google Plus friends (they'll still be in your contacts list), photos (you'll be able to access them through Picasa) or "chat buddies" (they're still available through Gmail).

For step-by-step directions on how to leave Google Plus, see this WikiHow.com explanation: http://tinyurl.com/pc5xr58.

Steve Alexander covers technology for the Minneapolis Star Tribune.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Life & Style

Fiesta Resort hosts 2nd Annual Family Fun Day

A beautiful sunny day was the perfect setting for Fiesta Resort and Spa's 2nd Annual Family Fun Day.

More than 200 employees and their families gathered together on Sunday, June 29, at Fiesta Resort's hotel property to celebrate this fun-filled event that not only fostered camaraderie but also gave appreciation and recognition to the resort's dedicated employees.

The event opened with general manager Abner Acosta welcoming everyone to the party and acknowledging the dedication and unwavering support of employees. He promised to continue hosting this event every year.

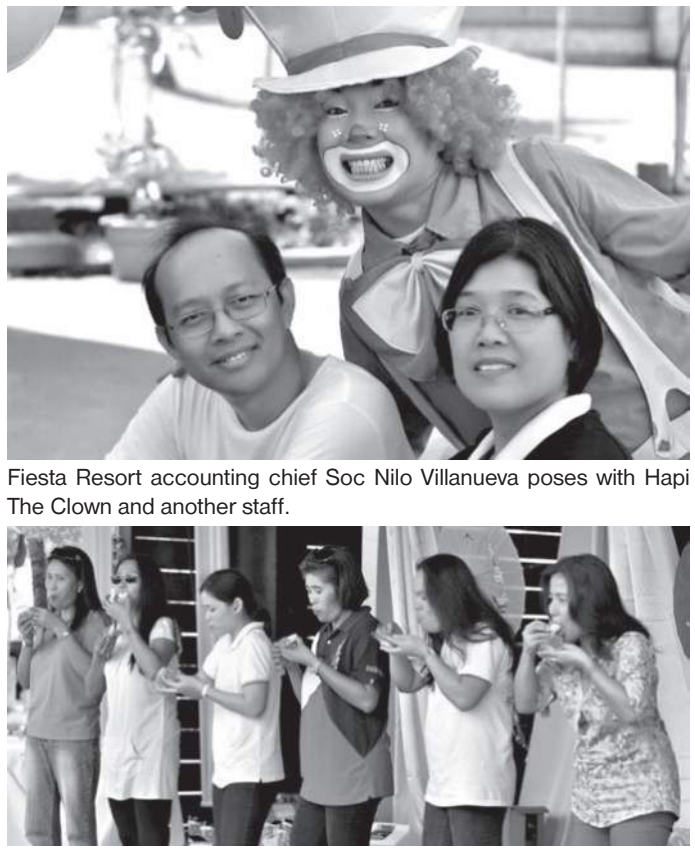
The employees enjoyed a barbecue lunch and their children were treated to a Kiddie Corner that served popcorn, sugar candies, and nachos. They were entertained by Happi the Clown, who was also the master of ceremonies. Other entertainment included Mr. China Man, a well-known and very funny stand-up comedian, three aspiring teenagers named "Bagets Trio," and a live concert by Fiesta Resort's Bong and Ronnie.

In addition, Fiesta recognized two chefs who competed at the Chef's Competition of the Taste of Marianas. The resort also recognized June birthday celebrants.

There were plenty of prize giveaways and parlor games throughout the day. The employees and their families enjoyed using the resort's facilities, including the use of the swimming pools. ***(PR)***

Chefs competition participant Ed Gabito is recognized during Fiesta Resort & Spa's 2nd Annual Family Fund Day. Also in photo is F&B assistant Socorro Huliganga.

Kids of Fiesta employees take part in the many games offered.



Fiesta Resort accounting chief Soc Nilo Villanueva poses with Hapi The Clown and another staff.

Fiesta Resort's June birthday celebrants share the stage.

Staff take part in the polvoron-eating contest.

Hapi The Clown interacts with Celine Sales in one of the children's games.

Scrumptious and crispy lechon was served for everyone to enjoy.

Chefs competition participant Al Capacio is recognized during Fiesta Resort & Spa's 2nd Annual Family Fund Day. Also in photo is F&B assistant Socorro Huliganga.

A bobbing for apples participant in action.

Kids get a kick from participating in the tug-o-war.

Fiesta Resort general manager Abner Acosta welcomes everyone in attendance.

In Loving Memory of

Rosa Iguel Tenorio Pangelinan

Lovingly known as "Chai"
She was called to eternal rest on June 30, 2014

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Parents: †Jose Cruz Tenorio
†Blandina Iguel Tenorio
Sibling: †Jack Norita

She is survived by:
Husband: Eloy Pangelinan
Children:
Dina McKinney and children
Joyce Lignell (Bently, Elizabeth, Phillip & Tia)
Eva & Beto Herrera (Naomi & Laura – Jojo), (Akemi – Junior, Bear, Izaiah), (Natalie & Jay – Jazelle Kamea), (Alyssa & Kelvin – Jack, Karl), (Juan Daniel), (Sonny David)
Kerry McKinney (Zoe", Aleiya)
Dede Edwards (Junior, Jazmin, Jayda)

Step-Children:
Vicky Pangelinan
Darrell Pangelinan
Robert Pangelinan

Siblings:
Anna T. and Jim Perry and Family
Maria I. Tenorio and Family
Juan I. and Rosita Tenorio and Family

Nightly Rosary is being offered at 7:00p.m. at Santa Remedios Parish, Tanapag. On July 8, 2014; Rosary will be prayed at 5:30a.m. followed by Mass of Intention at 6:00am.

Thank you and Si Yu'us Ma'ase

The Family

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS PROJECT MANAGEMENT (CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES & QUALITY ASSURANCE) for the PUERTO RICO DUMP CLOSURE RFQ 14-GOV-124

Governor Eloy S. Inos, and Lieutenant Governor Jude Hofschneider through the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Office, (collectively, "Commonwealth") are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified consultants to provide Project Management to include Construction Management (CM) and Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Services for the Closure of the Puerto Rico Dump(PRD) located at Puerto Rico, Saipan MP.

Procurement procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001, or latest revision thereof. Public Law 15-95 (Local Preference Act) as amended by Public Law 15-118 does not apply to this Federally funded project. All wage rates for employees performing the work, labor and services on this project shall be paid at the current U.S. prevailing wage rates established for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

Project Construction Plans and the complete Scope of Work for the CM and CQA Services required is available at the Governor's CIP Administrator's Office, Juan A. Sablan Administration Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan, CNMI. A non-refundable payment of One Hundred Dollars (US $100.00) is required. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the CIP Office. There will be a pre-proposal conference at the Governor's Conference Room on Friday, July 11, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. Questions regarding this RFQ must be submitted in writing to Ms. Elizabeth S. Balajadia, Project Manager to fax no. (670) 664-2408 or email to balajadiaelizabeth@hotmail.com no later than 4:00 p.m. ChST Thursday, July 17, 2014.

Statements of professional qualification from interested firms must address, and will be evaluated on the following criteria:

A. Overall construction management experience in the Western Pacific Region, and especially in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands - (20%)
B. Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required and previous experience with projects similar in scope - (25%)
C. Key personnel's professional qualifications, experience and availability for the proposed services; their professional integrity and competence; and their knowledge of the applicable regulations, policies and procedures regarding closures of landfills - (20%)
D. Past performance on similar projects, including cost control, ability to meet schedules, and quality of completed construction - (20%)
E. Current workload and demonstrated ability to perform the project Scope of Work - (15%)
F. Fee - (0%)

To qualify, firms must have a valid CNMI Business License, and be currently licensed to practice engineering in the CNMI. Firms shall also submit an estimate of CM fees based upon a 12-month project schedule. Fee estimates will assist the CIP Office for budgeting purposes, but will not be considered in firm evaluation scores.

Statements of qualification must be presented by a combination of both brochures and the use of current U.S. Government Standard Form 330. Only professionally licensed firms with a valid CNMI business license will be considered.

Discussions shall be conducted with the top three (3) ranked firms. After a selection is made, negotiations will be conducted with the highest qualified firm to determine the final fair and reasonable price of the contract for the work to be performed. The selected firm will be subjected to a responsibility and responsiveness determination in compliance with Section 3-301 of the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

Qualifications statements must be sealed and marked "RFQ14-GOV-124 , Project Management (Construction Management and Construction Quality Assurance Services for the Puerto Rico Dump Closure". For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the qualifications statement must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, MP, no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a Notice of Intent to Propose. Notices of Intent to Propose must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 9:00 a.m. ChST, Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of the sealed qualifications statement must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than Tuesday, August 5, 2014, and must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than Thursday, August 14, 2014 ChST. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies of the proposal may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

The Commonwealth reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in any proposal if, in its opinion to do so would be in the best interests of the CNMI government. All proposals shall become the sole property of the CNMI government.

/s/Eloy S. Inos, Governor /s/Herman S. Sablan, Director of Procurement & Supply

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-018

FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE AUDIT FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014 & 2015

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director, is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to perform a financial and compliance audit of the CUC for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2014 & 2015. The audit must be performed in compliance with the latest revision of the following guidelines:

1. *OMB Circular A-133*
2. *Standard for Audits of Government Organization, Programs, Activities and Function, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States*
3. *Audits of States and Local Government Units, Industry Audit guide issued by the American Institute of Public Accountants (AICPA)*

The date of contract award will be no later than August 29, 2014.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFP package set.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-14-018, Financial and Compliance Audit for Fiscal Years Ending September 2014 & 2015"to Mr. Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 AM (ChST), local time, on July 28, 2014.** Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible offerors who submit proposals determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. Offerors shall be accorded fair and equal treatment with respect to any opportunity to discussion and revision of proposals, and such revision may be permitted after submission and prior to award for the purpose of obtaining the best and final offers. During discussions, there will be no disclosure of any information derived from proposals submitted by competing offerors.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract. The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services. Offeror are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All inquiries regarding the RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on July 11, 2014** to Michael Pai, Public Auditor, Office of the Public Auditor, 1236 Yap Drive, Capitol Hill, Saipan, MP 96950 with a copy to Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer, via email address charles_warren@cucgov.org; and Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reasons and to waive any defects in any proposals if, in its sole opinion, to do so will be in the best interest of the CUC. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

2014-2015 Application For Free School Meals is now available at all public schools and at the Public School System FNS Office

PUBLIC RELEASE STATEMENT REGARDING THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND BREAKFAST PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AT LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Public School System Food and Nutrition Services Program today announced its policy for children unable to pay the full price of meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program. Regardless of financial standing and participation in programs such as WIC or NAP, a new free school meal application must be completed and submitted each school year to receive free school meal benefits.

Meal prices for the 2014-2015 school year will remain the same as the previous year. Students may buy a subsidized school breakfast for $0.50. Additional breakfasts can be purchased for $2.10 at elementary schools and $2.50 at secondary schools. Students may purchase a school lunch for $0.75. Additional lunches can be purchased for $3.30 at elementary schools and $3.85 at secondary schools.

Application forms are now available at the PSS Food and Nutrition Office and are being sent to all public schools with a notice to parents or guardians. Applications are available at Tinian Elementary School and Rota Junior High School as well. To apply for free meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school or to the PSS Food and Nutrition Services office. The information provid¬ed on the applica¬tion will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials. Applica¬tions may be submitted at any time during the school year. The application can be downloaded from the PSS website at http://www.cnmipss.org/state-level-programs/food-and-nutrition-services/

To obtain free meals for children for whose households receive Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, an adult member needs only to list the names of the school children, give a valid food stamp case number for each child, sign his/her name, list his/her social security number, and return the application to the school office. If any student listed does not have a valid food stamp number, then the entire application must be completed with accompanying income verification documents.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free meals of households not receiving Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) benefits, the household must provide the following information requested on the application: names of all household members, and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. In lieu of a social security number, the household may indicate that the signer does not possess a social security number. Also, the income received by each household member must be provided by amount and source (wages, SSI, child support, etc.). For verification purposes, copies of the two most recent check stubs must be included with the application. Failure to include these items will delay the processing of the application.

Under the provisions of the free meal policy, the PSS Food and Nutrition Services Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he/she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent/guardian wishes to make a formal appeal, he/she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Mr. Dale Roberts, PSS Food and Nutrition Services Program Manager located in government house 1251 located on Capital Hill, Saipan.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the family should contact the FNS Office. Such changes may make the house¬hold eligible for free meals if the household income falls at or below the IEG levels listed in the chart, and they may reapply at that time.

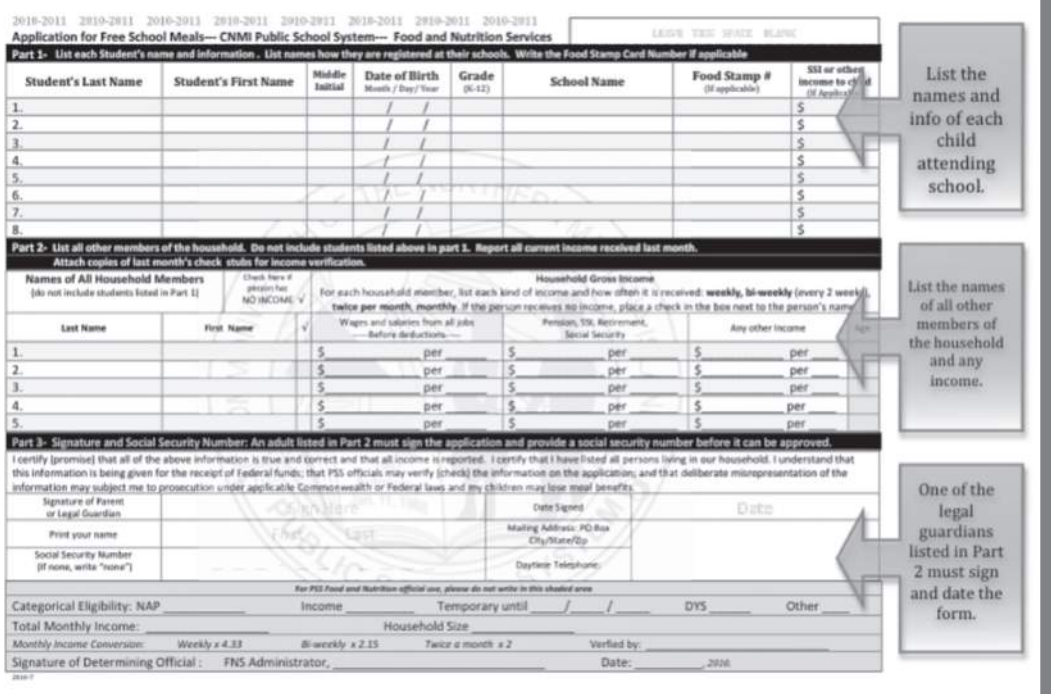
In most cases, foster children are also eligible for these benefits. If a household has foster children living with them and wishes to apply for free school meals, the household should complete an application for a family of one or contact the FNS office for more information.

The information provided by the household on the application is confidential. PSS is authorized to release student free and school meal eligibility status only to persons directly connected with the administration and enforcement of federal or state educational programs.

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official.

Children determined eligible for free meals last school year will receive free meals for up to 30 days after the opening of school on September 2, 2014. **To avoid delays in free school meal services due to processing, all applications should be completed and submitted to PSS FNS before September 22, 2014.**

Any questions regarding the application should be directed to the determining official. The PSS FNS office can be reached on Saipan: 664-3901 / 3902 or fax 664-3717, Tinian: 237-4106/4105, Rota: 237-4046/4041/4042


Application for Free School Meals— CNMI Public School System— Food and Nutrition Services
Part 1- List each Student's name and information . List names how they are registered at their schools. Write the Food Stamp Card Number if applicable
Student's Last Name
Student's First Name
Middle Initial
Date of Birth
Grade
School Name
Food Stamp #
List the names and info of each child attending school.
Part 2- List all other members of the household. Do not include students listed above in part 1. Report all current income received last month.
Attach copies of last month's check stubs for income verification.
Names of All Household Members
Household Gross Income
List the names of all other members of the household and any income.
Part 3- Signature and Social Security Number: An adult listed in Part 2 must sign the application and provide a social security number before it can be approved.
Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian
Print your name
Social Security Number
One of the legal guardians listed in Part 2 must sign and date the form.
Categorical Eligibility: NAP
Income
Temporary until
DYS
Other
Total Monthly Income:
Household Size
Signature of Determining Official :
FNS Administrator,
Date:

2014-2015 Federal Income Guidelines (IEG) for Free Meal Eligibility. If your household income falls within these guidelines your children MAY be eligible to receive free school meals.

Household Size	Annual	Monthly	2x per Month	Bi-weekly	Weekly
1	$ 15,171	$ 1,265	$ 633	$ 584	$ 292
2	20,449	1,705	853	787	394
3	25,727	2,144	1,072	990	495
4	31,005	2,584	1,292	1,193	597
5	36,283	3,024	1,512	1,396	698
6	41,561	3,464	1,732	1,599	800
7	46,839	3,904	1,952	1,802	901
8	52,117	4,344	2,172	2,005	1,003
Add'l member, Add……	+ 5,278	+ 440	+ 220	+ 203	+ 102

Adam Levine changes his tune in 'Begin Again'

NEW YORK (AP)—Adam Levine knows pop stars-turned-actors are greeted suspiciously. And he's hesitant to make any grandiose declarations about suddenly transforming into an actor. But he also can't help himself.

Following his movie debut in the recently released "Begin Again," the Maroon 5 frontman is exuberant about a potentially budding movie career.

"It really made me fall in love," said Levine about "Begin Again" in a recent interview. "It's the very beginning of something really cool."

The transition is unusually seamless for Levine in "Begin Again," a naturalistic indie about musicians in New York by "Once" director John Carney. Levine plays an aspiring musician, the boyfriend to a singer-songwriter played by Keira Knightley. But it's his breakthrough that's brought them to New York, and his fast-growing fame pulls the couple apart.

"I had been through that before, maybe not the same version," says Levine of the tumult of sudden fame. "That's what connected me to this guy. I immediately understood exactly what needed to be done with this character just based on my life's experience."

The 35-year-old Levine grew up in Los Angeles, so acting in movies was, he says, always "somewhere in the back of my mind." Carney approached him about the film and Levine jumped at the chance, working for little pay.

"I knew that I would try doing it," he says. "Because of the other wonderful things that have happened in my life and my career, I'd been given the opportunity to try it. I thought to myself, `Well, I'm going to try it. I'm not going to not try it.'"

AP

This image released by The Weinstein Company shows Keira Knightley, left, and Adam Levine in a scene from "Begin Again."

Levine, of course, is familiar with working in front of the camera. Aside from music videos for Maroon 5 and a cameo on "30 Rock," he's been a judge on NBC's "The Voice" since 2011. He also played an arc as a newlywed visiting an insane asylum on FX's "American Horror Story" in 2012.

"He's so confident and he's such a natural entertainer and he's very comfortable on camera because he does that show and he's made lots of music videos," says Knightley. "He kept claiming he didn't know what he was doing, but it looked like he knew exactly what he was doing to me."

Though "Begin Again" represents a more substantial shift into acting for Levine, he drew heavily from his day job.

In one of the film's most moving scenes, Levine performs the original song "Lost Stars" while Knightley's character looks on. The song, which Levine wrote with former New Radicals frontman Gregg Alexander, will be pushed for an Oscar by the film's distributor, the Weinstein Co.

"Everything about the things that I experienced while making this movie just felt very real," says Levine. "It never felt pretend. It always felt like we were making a documentary."

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Josh Groban shows he's more than a big voice

NEW YORK (AP)—Josh Groban admits he was hesitant to show that he was more than a guy with a big voice who could perform sweeping ballads.

"For so much of my career I think I was a little bit protective of the brand or the image of the voice," he said in a recent interview. "And that's half of me. But I think I've been less afraid to let my freak flag fly a little bit—it has waved gloriously in the wind—and it's been fun."

Groban, 33, has shown his quick wit and easygoing personality on social media and as a guest host on "Live With Kelly!" before Michael Strahan was named Kelly Ripa's permanent co-host.

"I scoffed at Twitter when it first started. I was like, `Oh god, this is ... not what I do,'" he said. "I was having a high-and-mighty thing about it, and then I started doing it and I realized that I could send a tweet like I send a text, and every time I make my friends laugh and they'd go, `Man, nobody knows how funny you are,' and I'd go, `No, no, no, well they couldn't. They couldn't possibly know. I have a billboard of me staring at them from a desert and my new Christmas album is climbing the charts. They can't possibly know that I have a funny bone.'"

Groban

Now he realizes "we're not all one thing."

Groban credits late-night TV host Jimmy Kimmel for recognizing his comedic abilities.

"People like Jimmy Kimmel have been unbelievable to me in giving me skits and funny sketches to do when nobody else was giving me couch time because they just assumed with my style of music, I wouldn't have a personality," he said.

Now he's stepping further outside his comfort zone as host of ABC's new singing competition series, "Rising Star," with Brad Paisley, Kesha and Ludacris (Sundays, 9 p.m. EDT). The show has an interactive element by allowing real-time viewing.

Groban understands why some people might be hesitant to tune into the show because they feel the market is too saturated with music competitions, but hopes they'll give it a shot.

"I wouldn't have signed on to it if I didn't think that this was gonna be different, that it was gonna be fun and funny and exciting," he said.

"Now if people are just sick of the genre, I would say ... give it a chance. ... Give it a shot. Watch it. Hopefully, we'll keep you around."

Ariana Grande to perform at MTV Video Music Awards

NEW YORK (AP)—Ariana Grande will perform at the MTV Video Music Awards on Aug. 24.

MTV announced Wednesday the pop singer is the first performer for the awards show, which will air live from the Forum in Inglewood, California.

Grande's current single, "Problem," has reached double platinum status and peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's Hot 100 chart. It features white-hot rapper Iggy Azalea.

MTV reprised its popular countdown show "Total Request Live" for one day for Grande on Wednesday. It was dubbed "Total Ariana Live."

The 20-year-old Grande will release her sophomore album, "My Everything," a day after the VMAs.

Grande was the star of the Nickelodeon sitcoms "Victorious" and "Sam & Cat." Her 2013 debut single was the Top 10 hit "The Way."

Family's anger over woman's past mistakes still lingers

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago I was involved in an unhealthy relationship for me and my children. Despite what everyone said, I gave him the benefit of the doubt. He ended up assaulting me and my kids.

For two months I struggled with depression, and I admit I wasn't the responsible parent I should have been. Child Protective Services took the children. I hold myself accountable for my actions and my failure.

My parents are angry with me because of poor choices I made in the past and treat me like the black sheep of the family. Granted, my mother, brother and I all have issues stemming from the past, but I'm tired of playing the guilt card, tired of playing the victim and tired of not having my family back me up at a time when I need their support to regain custody of my kids.

I miss my family and what good times we did have. How do I even begin to put the pieces back together on a very broken family?

THE BLACK SHEEP

DEAR BLACK SHEEP: Fixing your broken family is something all of you must be willing to work on together, or it won't be successful. Because your mother and brother are unwilling, what you need to do is start fixing yourSELF.

Regaining custody will depend upon your ability to establish your independence, support your children and yourself financially, and start counseling to deal with your issues so you won't get into another destructive, abusive relationship. It will take work and time, but if you can do it—and I think you can—your mother and brother will respect you for it. And you will be stronger and healthier because you will no longer be so needy.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Gene" for three years, living together for a year and a half. We're both divorced and love each other very much.

Our biggest problem is, he doesn't keep a "normal" schedule. Gene eats at odd hours, exercises at the strangest times and will stay awake 'til the wee hours of the morning, then crash for a day or so. He seems unfazed by this wackiness. He's responsible, holds a good job and comes from a terrific family, but his habits are taking a toll on me.

There are days when I want him home for dinner, or I want to cuddle with him. I want a normal schedule. This is tricky because I have accepted his lifestyle and now the brakes have come on for me. Gene doesn't understand my sudden change of attitude, and frankly, neither do I.

Do I have only two choices—accept him for who he is or find someone who follows a more conventional schedule? I love him so much that leaving would be very hard to do.

WANTS A NORMAL LIFE

DEAR WANTS: It would be interesting to know what Gene does for a living. Does he work in a casino? Show business?

It's possible your change in attitude has come about because you now realize that you might be living his unconventional lifestyle for the rest of your life. Compromises you could make on a temporary basis can seem daunting when you see they'll be permanent.

If you need someone who lives his life on a normal schedule, one of you will have to make some changes. You will either have to accept this as your future or Gene will have to change his lifestyle. Because he seems to thrive on the schedule he's living on, the adjustment may be very difficult for him.

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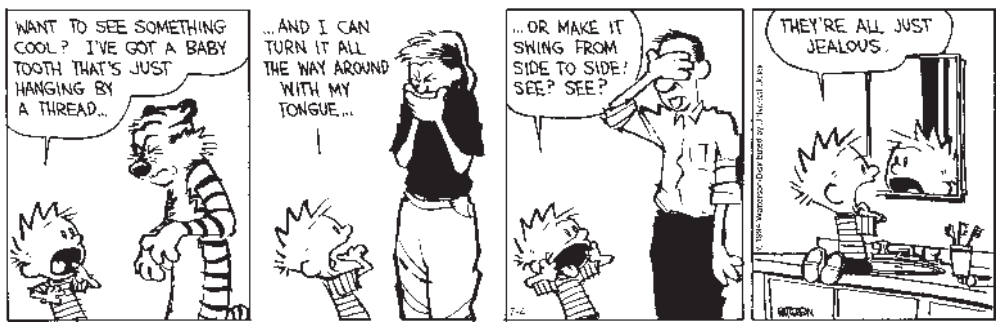
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson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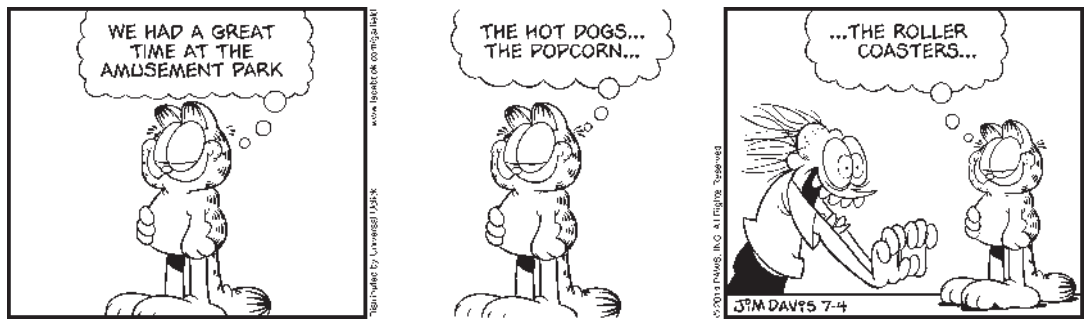
...AND I CAN TURN IT ALL THE WAY AROUND WITH MY TONGUE...
...OR MAKE IT SWING FROM SIDE TO SIDE! SEE? SEE?
THEY'RE ALL JUST JEALOUS.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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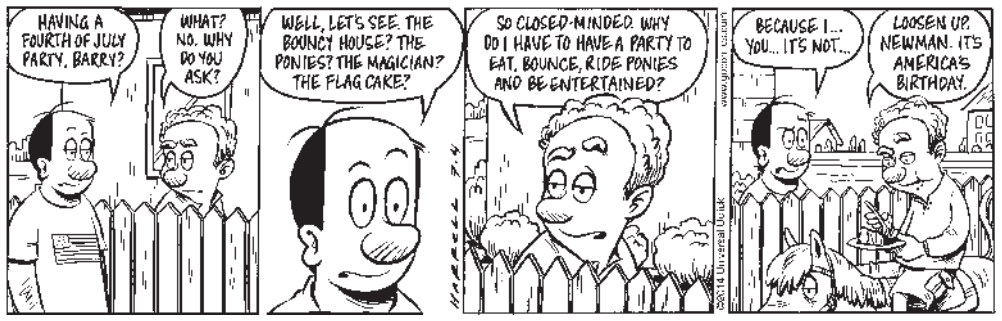
By Bryan Basset


HAVING A FOURTH OF JULY PARTY, BARRY?
WHAT? NO. WHY DO YOU ASK?
WELL, LET'S SEE. THE BOUNCY HOUSE? THE PONIES? THE MAGICIAN? THE FLAG CAKE?
SO CLOSED-MINDED. WHY DO I HAVE TO HAVE A PARTY TO EAT, BOUNCE, RIDE PONIES AND BE ENTERTAINED?
BECAUSE I... YOU... IT'S NOT...
LOOSEN UP, NEWMAN. IT'S AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

THE GAME WILL START IN A FEW MINUTES, BUT FIRST, THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.
HEY, ENO. YOU SHOULD BE STANDING.
I AM.
THIS IS THE DEEP PART OF THE WADING POOL.
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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 More, to Manuela
4 Agt.'s cut
7 Capacitance measure
12 Way back when
13 "That feels good"
14 Not just plump
15 Skedaddled
16 Ornate frame
18 Masseur's workplace
19 Massage
20 Flavor enhancer
22 Hair product
23 Tammany Tiger creator
27 Regret
29 Tight-fitting hat
31 Footballer Michael
34 Winning
35 Brunch entree
37 Bat stat
38 Hook henchman
39 X-ray descendant
41 Little branch
45 Hit
47 Commotion
48 Upper lip adornment
52 Distant
53 Deck out
54 Family
55 Definite article
56 Scope
57 Harden
58 Turf

DOWN
1 Swamp
2 Open-mouthed
3 Sub detector
4 Prepare to travel
5 Alter
6 Afternoon hour
7 Comestibles
8 — Dhabi
9 Fun and games
10 Blond shade
11 Scottish river
17 Body powder
21 Vaudeville's Fanny
23 Like a perfect game
24 Expert
25 — Na Na
26 One of the Kennedys
28 Granite State sch.
30 "Bones" setting
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33 Compete
36 Watson or Stone
37 "Truly" singer
40 Bookstore fixtures
42 Floats lightly
43 Gem State
44 Wounded in the bullring
45 Eyelid problem
46 Superman's alter ego
48 Scratch
49 Manmouse link
50 Coffee shop vessel
51 Succumb to gravity

Solution time: 26 mins.

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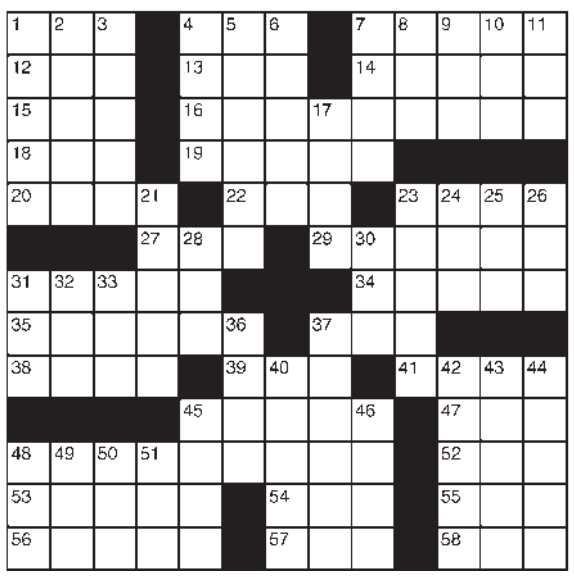

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Melanie Fiona, 31; Becki Newton, 36; Geraldo Rivera, 71; Neil Simon, 87.

Happy Birthday: Stop fighting the inevitable and start living in the present instead of the past. It's important to look at change as something new and exciting. This year is about moving forward and discovering what life has to offer. Take any challenge that comes your way and learn from the experiences you encounter. Success is dependent on your openness to change. Your numbers are 9, 16, 21, 23, 34, 43, 45.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Take a step back before you decide to be blatantly honest. Overreacting will not help you gain respect or solve a problem you have with someone. Show a little compassion and give those you are dealing with the benefit of the doubt. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Take the initiative to finish what you start. You'll be judged by what you complete, not what you say you are going to do. Plan any home improvement projects you want to do. Impulsive action will end up being costly and unsatisfactory. ✪✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Use your intelligence and ability to find solutions. Open up emotionally to someone you feel may be withholding information. Unique suggestions will make you look good and help you gain support. ✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Jump into action and get things done around home. Once you have your place in order, there will be less room for criticism and more time to enjoy your surroundings. A new acquaintance must be handled with discretion. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You'll have no trouble getting your way if you use a little Leo charm. Intelligence coupled with class and sophistication will bring about some interesting options that can help you maneuver into a key position. Strive for perfection as well as productivity. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Proceed with caution. Not everyone is on your team. A problem with a partner or someone you work with will develop if you are too trusting. Don't rely on anyone to do your job for you. Protect your position, reputation and interests. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Take care of business and move on to enjoyable pastimes. Romance will help improve your personal life. Make subtle changes to your appearance or learn something new that will make you more intellectually attractive to someone who interests you. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Look out for your best interests. Don't feel the need to pay for someone else's mistakes. Indulge in something that will make your surroundings unique. Taking an interest in something or someone unusual will be a learning experience. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Discuss your plans, intentions and what you have to offer, and you will draw interest. Partnerships look promising and are likely to lead to an opportunity far beyond your wildest dreams. Strike up a deal or a new relationship. ✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Expect to face some criticism if you have neglected someone who needs your attention or one of your personal responsibilities. Better organization and preparation will help you avoid criticism. Practice caution and you will avoid arguments and mishaps. ✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Your vision is clear and you will know what you have to do to get ahead. Opportunities are within reach and setting goals and schedules will help you stay on track. Romance is in the stars and will improve your personal life. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Consider what you can do to protect against setbacks. You are best to face any potential problem head-on. Get in touch with anyone who may stifle your plans and get clearance before you proceed. Better to be safe than sorry. ✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are thoughtful, kind and adaptable. You are sociable and fun-loving.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 7/04

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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9	7	1	5	6	4	3	2	8

Difficulty Level ★★★ 7/03

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

THE PERIODIC TABLE Solution: 8 letters

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Opening Date: 6/23/2014	Closing Date: 7/8/2014

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Annual Salary:	$41,527.83 - $42,981.30
Location:	As Terlaje Campus, Saipan
Opening Date: 6/24/2014	Closing Date: 7/9/2014

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Rodriguez hits 2-run homer, helps Rays sweep Yanks

NEW YORK (AP) — Sean Rodriguez hit a tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning and drove in three runs, helping the streaking Tampa Bay Rays extend their longest winning string this year to five and hand the New York Yankees their season-worst fifth straight loss, 6-3 Wednesday.

Ben Zobrist doubled twice among his three hits for the Rays, but ran into two outs. With manager Joe Maddon encouraging his team to be more aggressive on the bases, Rodriguez was thrown out trying to stretch an RBI single to the wall in right field in the fourth.

The Rays won all three games at Yankee Stadium for their first road sweep since taking three in the Bronx from Sept. 24-26.

The Rays improved to 11 games under .500 for the first time in a month after falling 18 under on June 10. New York is below .500 at 41-42 for the first time since April 11.

AP

Tampa Bay Rays' Sean Rodriguez watches his sixth-inning, two-run home run off New York Yankees relief pitcher Shawn Kelley2wbb in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York, Wednesday, July 2, 2014.

Nationals 4, Rockies 3

In Washington, after a replay review, Ian Desmond's solo homer provided the go-ahead run for Washington and the victory that finished off a three-game sweep.

Jayson Werth also homered for Washington, which has won a season-high five straight.

Right-hander Matt Belisle (2-4) came on to face Desmond with one out in the seventh. Desmond's hit appeared to bounce off the top of the wall in right center, then off the railing in front of the first row and onto the field.

He ended up on third, but after a review that took 3:42, Desmond was given his 15th homer.

Washington's Doug Fister (7-2) allowed three runs on seven hits over seven innings.

Rafael Soriano pitched the ninth for his 20th save.

Michael McKenry hit a three-run homer for Colorado.

Mariners 5, Astros 2

In Houston, Logan Morrison drove in two runs in a big sixth inning and Chris Young pitched seven strong innings as Seattle completed a three-game sweep.

The Mariners were down by two before a four-run sixth inning, highlighted by Morrison's double to right field off Brad Peacock (2-5) that put them on top. James Jones scored on a wild pitch in the inning and John Buck had an RBI single.

Young (8-4) allowed two hits—both solo homers—and struck out a season-high eight. It was his most strikeouts since he fanned nine against Colorado in 2012. Fernando Rodney pitched a scoreless ninth for his 24th save.

Marwin Gonzalez and rookie Kike Hernandez homered for the Astros. Hernandez has three hits and two RBIs in two games since being called up from the minors.

Blue Jays 7, Brewers 4

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion hit a three-run, walk-off home run in the ninth inning as Toronto dealt Milwaukee its third straight loss.

Jose Bautista and Juan Francisco also connected for the Blue Jays, who have hit a major league high 113 home runs this season.

Facing Will Smith (1-1), Jose Reyes led off the ninth with a double that left fielder Elian Herrera dove for but couldn't handle. Melky Cabrera was intentionally walked and Brandon Kintzler came on to face Anthony Gose, who failed to advance the runners with a bunt when Reyes was forced at third.

Darin Mastroianni struck out but Encarnacion ended it with a drive into the second deck in left, his 26th.

Encarnacion is tied for the major league lead with White Sox rookie Jose Abreu and Baltimore's Nelson Cruz.

Casey Janssen (3-0) worked one inning for the win.

Tigers 9, Athletics 3

In Detroit, Torii Hunter hit three RBI singles and capped a six-run burst in the sixth inning that propelled Detroit to finish a three-game sweep.

The three-time AL Central champion Tigers won for the 11th time in 13 games. The division leaders reached the halfway mark with a 47-34 mark.

Oakland still has the best record in the majors despite its stumble at Comerica Park.

Justin Verlander (7-7) won for the first time since May 30. He looked like he might be in trouble when Coco Crisp and Brandon Moss hit long homers off him in the first inning, but left after the sixth with a 9-2 lead.

Jesse Chavez (6-5) struggled for the second straight start, giving up five runs in five-plus innings. Reliever Jim Johnson replaced him and allowed four runs while only getting one out.

Padres 3, Reds 0

In San Diego, Tyson Ross threw a three-hitter for his first career shutout and Rene Rivera hit a three-run single off big league ERA leader Johnny Cueto to give San Diego to its first three-game sweep since September.

The Padres, who tied their season high with their fourth straight win, hadn't swept a series since Sept. 6-8 against Colorado.

Ross (7-8) was dominating in throwing his first complete game in 55 career starts. He struck out nine and walked none.

With the bases loaded and two outs in the first, Rivera hit a blooper to the gap that hit off the heel of the glove of diving center fielder Billy Hamilton to give San Diego a 3-0 lead.

Cueto (8-6) came in with the best ERA in the majors, 1.88. It rose to 1.99.

Cubs 16, Red Sox 9

In Boston, Justin Ruggiano, Mike Olt and Welington Castillo hit two-run homers to power Chicago in the finale of a three-game interleague series sweep.

Ruggiano drove in five runs, Darwin Barney had four hits and Nate Schierholtz added a solo homer for Chicago, which won for the sixth time in seven games away from Wrigley Field and posted its first interleague sweep of three or more games since taking three from Cleveland in 2009.

It was the Cubs' first interleague sweep on the road since winning three against the cross-town rival White Sox in 2007.

Mookie Betts hit his first major league homer for the Red Sox, who lost for the ninth time in 13 games.

Red Sox DH David Ortiz became the 36th player in major league history to collect 1,000 extra-base hits with a ground-rule double.

White Sox 3, Angels 2

In Chicago, Leury Garcia drove in the winning run with a pinch-hit single off Michael Morin in the ninth inning to lift Chicago to victory.

The White Sox shook off a doubleheader sweep and finally took out the Angels after dropping their first five games against Los Angeles this season and seven straight overall.

Alejandro De Aza, who entered earlier as a runner for Paul Konerko, started the winning rally with a one-out single in the ninth off Morin (2-2). Conor Gillaspie followed with a broken-bat single past a diving Albert Pujols at first base to put runners on the corners.

The Angels then brought in Kole Calhoun to replace right fielder Collin Cowgill and serve as the second baseman as part of a five-man infield. Garcia, batting for Moises Sierra, lined a 2-1 pitch to left to drive in De Aza.

Indians 5, Dodgers 4

In Los Angeles, Mike Aviles capped a three-run eighth inning with a two-run single against Brian Wilson, rallying Cleveland past Los Angeles.

Ryan Raburn homered off Hyun-Jin Ryu, who was lifted after seven with a 3-2 lead.

Wilson (1-3) retired only one of the six batters he faced, giving up a tying single by pinch-hitter David Murphy and Aviles' clutch hit after an intentional walk to Lonnie Chisenhall.

Brian Shaw (3-1) pitched a scoreless seventh to get the victory.

Scott Atchison gave up a solo homer by Scott Van Slyke in the eighth. Cody Allen got four outs for his eighth save, retiring Matt Kemp on a flyball to the warning track with the potential tying and winning runs in scoring position.

Braves 3, Mets 1

In Atlanta, Chris Johnson hit a three-run double and Julio Teheran pitched seven strong innings as Atlanta polished off a three-game sweep.

The Braves extended their season-best winning streak to seven games. The Mets have lost four straight and seven of their last eight games and are a season-worst 11 games below .500.

Teheran (8-5) gave up four hits and three walks while lowering his ERA to 2.29. Jordan Walden pitched a perfect ninth for his third save as closer Craig Kimbrel received a night off.

The NL East-leading Braves remain one-half game ahead of Washington.

New York rookie Jacob deGrom (1-5) was undone by his season-long control problems in a long first inning.

Pirates 5, Diamondbacks 1

In Pittsburgh, Gregory Polanco homered and Charlie Morton continued his effective pitching at home as Pittsburgh won for the fifth time in six games.

Polanco, a highly touted rookie who has reached safely in 19 of 21 major league games, had a double, a walk and his third home run for Pittsburgh, which clinched its fourth consecutive series victory.

Polanco's line-drive shot to right off Chase Anderson in the second inning gave the Pirates a 3-0 lead.

Paul Goldschmidt went 3 for 4 with a run for the Diamondbacks, who have lost three straight.

Andrew McCutchen of the Pirates, who earlier in the day was named NL player of the month for June, did not play the field in the ninth inning. He fouled a ball off his foot and winced in pain in the eighth, but continued his at-bat and singled. There was no immediate word if McCutchen was injured.

Marlins 5, Phillies 0

In Miami, Casey McGehee reached base three times, doubled home a run and scored another, helping Miami send Philadelphia to its sixth straight loss.

Tom Koehler (6-6) allowed three hits in six innings and earned his first victory since June 4. Three relievers completed a five-hitter.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit a two-run homer in the ninth, his eighth. The Marlins, who lead the majors in home victories, clinched the three-game series and improved to 27-21 at Marlins Park.

Cole Hamels (2-5) gave up three runs and needed 97 pitches to get through five innings, ending his career-best 10-game streak of pitching at least seven innings. Hamels, a victim of poor run support all season, remained winless since June 6.

The Phillies were shut out for the 11th time, which is tied for second-most in the majors.

Royals 4, Twins 0

In Minneapolis, Jason Vargas threw seven scoreless innings and Raul Ibanez homered in his second game for Kansas City.

Vargas (8-3) allowed four singles and two walks while striking out five, allowing only two runners from a diluted Twins lineup to reach second base.

Mike Moustakas and Jarrod Dyson hit RBI singles in the second inning against Kevin Correia (4-10). With Joe Mauer missing on the disabled list because of a strained muscle on his right side, the Twins were shut out for the sixth time this season and lost for the seventh time in their last nine games.

No Wimbledon repeat for Murray, beaten by Dimitrov

By HOWARD FENDRICH
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LONDON (AP)—The silence at Centre Court made abundantly clear that Andy Murray's time as Wimbledon champion was coming to a close.

Out of sorts from the start of his quarterfinal against up-and-coming Grigor Dimitrov on Wednesday, Murray—who in 2013 ended Britain's 77-year wait for one of its own to win the men's title at the All England Club—sailed an awkward backhand slice long to fall behind by a set and a break.

The crowd of nearly 15,000, usually so vociferous in support of Murray, sat quietly, perhaps not prepared to believe what was happening. All along, Murray's body language was as negative as his play: He gnawed on his knuckle after seeing an ace zip past; slapped his forehead with his palm after one forehand found the net; bowed his head and slumped his shoulders after another did the same.

When one last forehand fell short, the magical ride ended for Murray and his fans with a 6-1, 7-6 (4), 6-2 loss to the 11th-seeded Dimitrov, who became the first man from Bulgaria to reach a Grand Slam semifinal.

"I have very good memories from that court out there. It's a special court for me," said Murray, who lost the 2012 Wimbledon final there, won that year's London Olympics gold medal there, then won his historic title 12 months ago there. "I mean, you can have bad days as an athlete. You don't win all of the time. Sometimes you just have to take it on the chin and move on."

He hadn't lost a set in his first four matches, but made 37 unforced errors Wednesday, more than twice as many as Dimitrov.

"Even when I wanted to get into longer rallies, I was missing shots," the third-seeded Murray said. "I was unable to make him work as hard as I needed to."

Dimitrov was composed throughout, getting broken only once and showing off the all-court game and smooth, one-handed backhand that long ago earned him the nickname "Baby Fed"—as in seven-time Wimbledon champion Roger Federer.

On Friday, Dimitrov takes on another past champ, top-seeded Novak Djokovic, who returned to the semifinals for the fifth consecutive year by coming back to beat No. 26 Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-1, 3-6, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-2.

"Novak really played terrific the last two sets," said three-time Wimbledon winner Boris Becker, who's coaching Djokovic. "That was the first real test for him."

Djokovic was troubled by Cilic, to be sure, but also by repeated slips that prompted the Serb to change his shoes midway through the match. Playing on No. 1 Court, Djokovic also was rattled by intermittent cheering from outside the arena for Murray, whose match was played simultaneously across the way.

"I said to the chair umpire: `Let's just stop (our) match, put (theirs) live on the big screen, and let's watch it `til they're done,'" recounted Djokovic, last year's runner-up to Murray.

On the other half of the draw, Federer will face No. 8 Milos Raonic, the first Canadian man in a Grand Slam semifinal since 1923.

Federer was broken for the first time in the tournament, and dropped a set for the first time, too, but defeated Australian Open champion Stan Wawrinka 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-4 in a matchup between a pair of pals from Switzerland.

In 2013, Federer lost in the second round at the All England Club.

"Last year was rough. I was very disappointed," the 32-year-old Federer said. "Went back to the practice courts. Didn't have any options left at that point."

Raonic outserved Nick Kyrgios—the 19-year-old Australian who eliminated Rafael Nadal in the fourth round—in a 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (4) win with the help of 39 aces.

In the women's quarterfinals, No. 3 Simona Halep beat 2013 runner-up Sabine Lisicki 6-4, 6-0, and now faces No. 13 Eugenie Bouchard, who got past No. 9 Angelique Kerber 6-3, 6-4. Thursday's other semifinal is 2011 champion Petra Kvitova against No. 23 Lucie Safarova. Kvitova is the only woman left who has won a major title.

"It's a normal evolution of things," the 20-year-old Bouchard said. "As the great champions get a bit older, the new ones start coming in."

Dimitrov and Raonic, both 23, would like to see that among the men.

It's the ninth year in a row that at least two members of tennis' so-called "Big 4"—Federer, Djokovic, Nadal, Murray—made the semifinals at Wimbledon. That quartet has earned the last 11 trophies.

"The younger guys, we want to come on that stage. We strive for this. I think we're thirsty for that," Dimitrov said. "We want to prove ourselves."

NBA BRIEFS

Lowry agrees to re-sign with Raptors

TORONTO (AP)—Kyle Lowry is staying with the Toronto Raptors after leading them to the Atlantic Division title. The point guard has agreed to re-sign with the Raptors, his agent confirmed Wednesday night. Yahoo Sports reported that the deal was for four years and $48 million. Lowry averaged career highs of 17.9 points and 7.4 assists for the Raptors, who were one of the NBA's biggest surprises in going 48-34. They were expected to be one of league's worst teams, particularly after trading forward Rudy Gay early in the season, but instead nearly reached the Eastern Conference semifinals before falling to Brooklyn in seven games. They were led by their guard tandem of Lowry and All-Star DeMar DeRozan, who will be staying together. Lowry posted a picture of himself on Twitter in a Raptors jersey, writing that Toronto would be his home city.

Source: Gortat gets 5 years, $60M from Wizards

WASHINGTON (AP)—Center Marcin Gortat agreed to a $60 million, five-year contract Tuesday to remain with the Washington Wizards, according to a person familiar with the deal, a major step in the team's quest to keep the roster intact as much as reasonably possible following the end of a playoff drought. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal can't be signed until July 10 under NBA free agency rules. Gortat follows coach Randy Wittman, who was given a contract extension last month, and backup point guard Andre Miller, whose contract was guaranteed for another season on Saturday, as the third piece in team president Ernie Grunfeld's quest to retain the key contributors who took Washington to the postseason for the first time since 2008. "I'm proud to say Washington will be my home," Gortat tweeted Tuesday evening.

Nets reach agreement with Hollins to become coach

NEW YORK (AP)—The Brooklyn Nets reached an agreement in principle Wednesday with Lionel Hollins to become their coach, moving quickly after the departure of Jason Kidd. The deal with the former Memphis Grizzlies coach comes two days after the Nets made a trade with Milwaukee to allow Kidd out of his contract so the Bucks could hire him. Nets general manager Billy King and his assistants then met with Hollins on Monday night and again Tuesday before agreeing to the deal. Terms were not disclosed. "I want to thank the Nets ownership and Billy for this opportunity," Hollins said in a statement. "It has been a long process to get back into the league, and I believe that Billy and I will have a very successful working relationship. Brooklyn has firmly established itself as a franchise that is committed to winning, and I eagerly look forward to becoming part of that culture and building on the success of the past two playoff appearances." The Nets will introduce Hollins at a press conference Monday.

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Bucks owners admit errors made in luring Kidd

MILWAUKEE (AP)—New Bucks owners Marc Lasry and Wes Edens admit they may have made some errors in luring Jason Kidd to Milwaukee.

That doesn't mean they aren't happy to have him as Milwaukee's coach.

"Our one goal is to hire people to run it, that know what they're doing," Edens said. "Jason is someone I've admired as a player. He did a great job managing the Nets this year and we think he's the best young coaching talent in basketball."

Kidd, who was formally introduced Wednesday at the BMO Harris Bradley Center, said there were no hard feelings over his abrupt and surprising departure from Brooklyn, where he won 44 games and reached the second round of the playoffs in his first season as a coach.

Kidd dismissed the suggestion that he left after being turned down in seeking control of the Nets' basketball operations department. And he said he had no plans to seek a similar role in Milwaukee, where general manager John Hammond is under contract through the 2015-16 season.

"They are not true," Kidd said. "It's not about power. You guys ran with that. It's not about power. As I was introduced, I'm the coach."

AP

Jason Kidd speaks at a press conference after being introduced as the new head NBA basketball coach of the Milwaukee Bucks, Wednesday, July 2, 2014, in Milwaukee.

Brooklyn agreed Monday to deal Kidd to Milwaukee for second-round draft picks in 2015 and 2019. The Bucks fired Larry Drew, who had no indication he wouldn't be back for a second season. The whole affair was messy and played out in the media for days before the deal was announced, overshadowing the positive buzz surrounding the Bucks' selection of Duke star Jabari Parker with the No. 2 overall pick.

Lasry said it was wrong to not bring Hammond into the loop earlier in the process, which began last week when the owners sought permission from the Nets to speak with Kidd. Lasry and Kidd are friends.

"We were asked to keep it confidential," Lasry said. "In retrospect, that was a mistake. I would tell you that it was very much newness. We've learned a lot in this process. Our view, and it hasn't changed from the beginning, is that all the basketball operations goes through John. In this process, we learned we made a mistake."

Lasry and Edens said once the initial discussion took place and news leaked out, Hammond took over the negotiation with Nets GM Billy King.

If Hammond felt threatened by Kidd's presence, he wasn't showing it.

"The last four days have been have been great for this organization," Hammond said. "I've never felt the kind of excitement that's surrounding our team—people are talking about the Bucks and want to know what's going on with our team—and that's a great thing."

Kidd spoke confidently about Hammond, who spent seven seasons as an assistant to Pistons' GM Joe Dumars before joining the Bucks in April 2008.

"He is great. He's a leader," Kidd said. "He understands the league. He's been doing it for a long time. I trust him like no other."

Kidd didn't offer much explanation of his reasoning for taking the job in Milwaukee, where he inherits a team that finished a league-worst 15-67 but adds Parker to a group that includes 19-year-old Greek forward Giannis Antetokounpo, forward John Henson and center Larry Sanders.

He downplayed questions about moving from the NBA's largest market to its smallest.

"I've played in big markets and I've played in small markets," Kidd said. "It's not about the market, it's about being able to teach and I have a great opportunity here in Milwaukee to be part of a young, talented roster."

Edens and Lasry, both New York investment firm executives, recently purchased the team from former U.S. Sen. Herb Kohl for about $550 million after they pledged to keep the club in Milwaukee. Lasry and Edens have committed to providing $100 million to help build a new arena. Kohl also announced he would donate $100 million for a facility to replace the team's downtown arena that opened in 1988.

Youth pick-up basketball to start

An island-wide youth pick-up basketball league will begin on July 14 at the Garapan Basketball Court at 7pm. Interested basketball coaches for youth are asked to submit their team roster to daviddemapan@yahoo.com, as soon as possible. For more information, contact David Demapan at 287-0873. ***(PR)***

CNMI

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and the Philippines (2-1) fight for the last semis berth. The semis games will be played tomorrow, while the finals is set for Saturday.

Meanwhile, the CNMI strengthened its bid for a semis slot in the Junior League division, following a 7-1 victory over the Philippines last Wednesday night.

The CNMI Junior League All-Stars finished Pool A with a 2-1 record and was in second place, pending the results of the Guam (2-0) and the Philippines (1-1) match yesterday. Only the Top 2 teams in each pool will march into the semis and a win by Guam would bring the CNMI to the next round. A Guam loss would create a three-way tie for first place.

In the Senior League, the Commonwealth bets were gunning for a sweep of the round-robin elimination against New Zealand yesterday. The CNMI Senior League All-Stars are already in the finals after winning their first four matches and will challenge Guam (4-1) for the right to represent the region in the World Series. The CNMI handed Guam its lone loss in the eliminations, as the former eked out a 5-4 victory in 11 innings last Tuesday. The Commonwealth' other victories were against Indonesia, 15-3, Philippines, 4-1, and India, 12-0.

In the Big League, the CNMI (1-3) was scheduled meet the Philippines anew and aimed at duplicating its 5-4 victory in the first round to keep its playoff hopes alive.

KLINSMANN

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His message to players is they don't do enough. They don't play twice a week, like Champions League stars. They don't face condemnation from their community after losses and poor performances.

"It makes them feel accountable, not just walk away with a bad performance and nothing happens," he said. "If you have a bad performance, then people should approach you and tell you that, so make sure that next game is not bad anymore and that you step it up."

President Barack Obama spoke to captain Clint Dempsey and goalkeeper Tim Howard on Wednesday to congratulate the team on its performance. Obama "commended them not only for their work on the field, but for carrying themselves in a way that made the country proud," the White House said in a statement.

Late Wednesday at the airport, Dempsey, forward Jozy Altidore and defender DaMarcus Beasley were cheered and stopped for autographs and photos before they boarded an American Airlines flight to Miami.

The Americans' final match, which kicked off at 4 p.m. EDT on a weekday, was seen by 21.6 million on ESPN and Univision, impressively close to the record 24.7 million set for a Sunday evening game against Portugal earlier in the tournament. An average of 1.6 million watched the loss to Belgium on digital streams.

"People now start to care about it. Fans care about it. They comment on social media. They comment everywhere about it, and that's good," Klinsmann said.

His most controversial moves coming into the tournament were cutting Landon Donovan, the biggest star in U.S. soccer history, and taking along 18-year-old Julian Green, 20-year-old DeAndre Yedlin and 21-year-old John Brooks. Brooks and Green, who turned 19 on June 6, responded with late-game goals when they came in as substitutes, and Yedlin was stellar against Belgium when he replaced injured right back Fabian Johnson.

But Klinsmann's proclamation that the U.S. would play an attacking game didn't pan out. The Americans were outshot by a combined 92-41.

"The interesting part is every time we would go down a goal, we'll shift it up," he said. "I believe it's more a mental topic that we have to work on than it is a talent topic."

Klinsmann took over from Bob Bradley in July 2011. Last December, he was given a contract through the 2018 tournament that added the title of U.S. Soccer Federation technical director. In the next four-year cycle, he has numerous chances to integrate youth: the CONCACAF Gold Cups in 2015 and 2017, the centennial Copa America in 2016 and a possible trip to the Confederations Cup in 2017.

There also is the under-23 team that will try to qualify for the 2016 Rio Olympics - the 2012 team stumbled and didn't reach the London Games, slowing the careers of more than a dozen players.

"We've got to do much better than the last cycle," he said.

He defended his pre-tournament comment that the U.S. was not ready to win the World Cup, saying he didn't want to raise "expectations to kind of a level that is over the moon." After he arrived in Brazil, he mentioned he was prepared to stay for the entire tournament, that he had booked a plane ticket for the day after the final just in case.

But as U.S. players prepared to scatter to clubs and family vacations, Klinsmann conceded he also was leaving early.

"I changed the ticket last night," he said.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	47	39	.547	—
Baltimore	45	39	.536	1
New York	41	42	.494	4½
Boston	38	47	.447	8½
Tampa Bay	38	49	.437	9½

Central Division

Detroit	47	34	.580	—
Kansas City	44	40	.524	4½
Cleveland	41	43	.488	7½
Chicago	40	46	.465	9½
Minnesota	38	45	.458	10

West Division

Oakland	51	33	.607	—
Los Angeles	47	36	.566	3½
Seattle	47	38	.553	4½
Texas	37	47	.440	14
Houston	36	50	.419	16

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	47	38	.553	—
Washington	46	38	.548	½
Miami	41	43	.488	5½
New York	37	48	.435	10
Philadelphia	36	48	.429	10½

Central Division

Milwaukee	51	35	.593	—
St. Louis	45	40	.529	5½
Pittsburgh	44	40	.524	6
Cincinnati	43	41	.512	7
Chicago	37	46	.446	12½

West Division

San Francisco	47	37	.560	—
Los Angeles	48	39	.552	½
San Diego	38	47	.447	9½
Colorado	36	49	.424	11½
Arizona	35	51	.407	13

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CNMI names baseball team to Micro Games

8TH MICRO GAMES 2014 POHNPEI FSM

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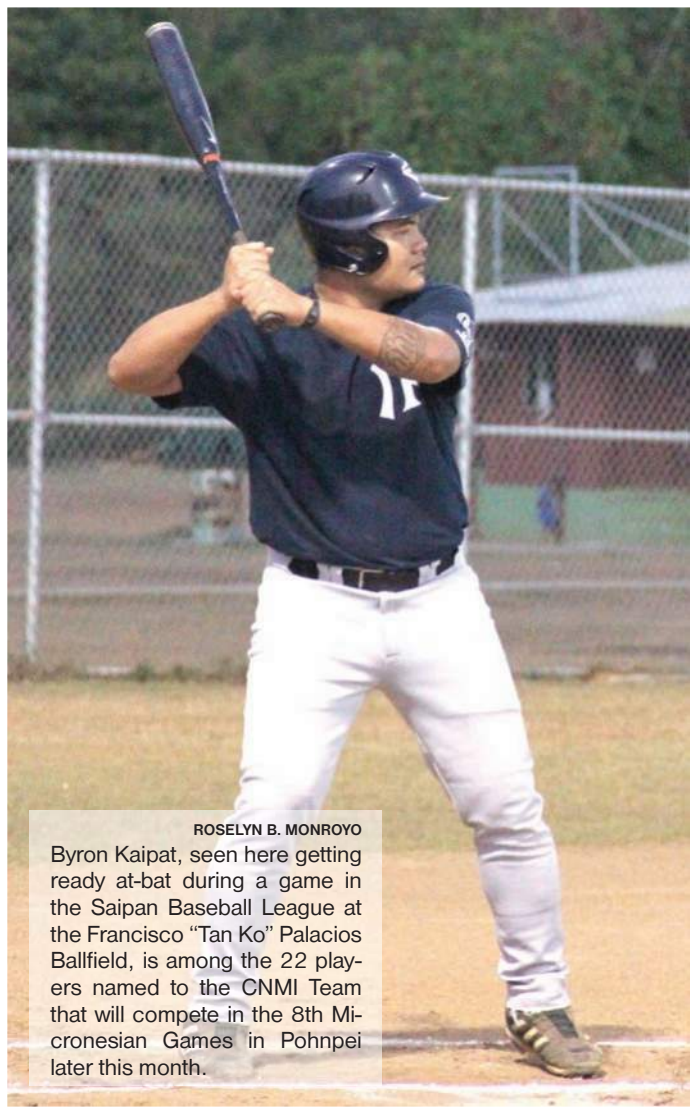

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Byron Kaipat, seen here getting ready at-bat during a game in the Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield, is among the 22 players named to the CNMI Team that will compete in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei later this month.

CNMI team manager Tony Rogolifoi has named the 22-player CNMI Baseball Team that will compete in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei later this month.

Leading the squad is incoming NCAA Division II pitcher Josh Jones, who arrived on Saipan yesterday and is expected to participate in the team's training sessions, starting this weekend. Joining Jones, who signed up for University of West Alabama last month, on the squad is fellow off-island player Jeremy "Tre" Rabauliman, 2006 gold medal team members Manny Sablan, Byron Kaipat, Tyrone Omar, Vince Cepeda, Ben Jones Jr, Jerome Delos Santos, and Roy Celis, young guns Ian Rogolifoi, Brian Camacho, Rocco Reyes, Jared Sablan, Diego Camacho, Jun Rabauliman, Peter Lieto, Joe Palacios, Jr. and Greg Iskawa, and Saipan Baseball League mainstays Anthony Benavente, Tom Camacho, Patrick Alepuyo, and Chris Camacho.

"The team is composed mostly of young and all-star caliber players who will be in the mix with several veteran players that have competed for the CNMI internationally. These all-star players have demonstrated outstanding performance during the regular season of the Saipan Baseball League," said Rogolifoi, who will call the shots for the team with the help of coach and former CNMI team member Mel Sakisat Sr.

Rogolifoi and company hope to bring the gold medal back to the CNMI, which lost to Palau in the 2010 Micronesian Games that the latter hosted. To do this, the team manager said the Commonwealth bets have to show impressive pitching in Pohnpei, which will host the regional competition from July 20 to 30.

"I believe that the key to winning games is good pitching and we do have great pitchers that are capable of leading the national team to the medal round," Rogolifoi said.

The latest addition of Jones and Jeremy Rabauliman to the squad is a big boost to the CNMI's stock of pitchers and they will be alternating with Cepeda, Lieto, Palacios, Tom Camacho, Benavente, and Celis. At home plate, Manny Sablan is the man, while Alepuyo will back him up.

"Tre Rabauliman and CNMI's pitching sensation Josh Jones are back and their presence will further solidify our pitching rotation. They have to be focused and be consistent on their delivery and with excellent defense, we should be okay. Pitching should be our strength at these games," the team manager added.

As for the squad's offense, Rogolifoi will rely on his power hitters, including his son Ian. Others who are expected to be on target at-bat for the Commonwealth are Brian Camacho, Reyes, Jared Sablan, Diego Camacho, Jun Rabauliman, and Iskawa.

The CNMI players—except Tre Rabauliman and Jones—have been practicing since early May and are expected to peak in time for the competition in Pohnpei.

"We have been going through a variety of drills, i.e. cutoffs and relays, double plays, pitching coverage, pitcher's pre-game routine, run downs, hitting to the pull and push side of the ball-field, sacrifice, drag, push, and suicide squeeze bunts, and a whole lot of drills. The team also runs four miles a week to work on their cardio. They should be well prepared when we get there," Rogolifoi said.

With a lot of young players on its roster, Rogolifoi said the CNMI's speed will work both for the squad's offense and defense.

"The CNMI bets must also rely on their speed around the diamond, timely hitting, and discipline at the plate to get ahead of the ball game and I have confidence and trust that our defense will cover their positions well throughout the tournament. If we can keep the errors to a minimum, we should be able to win games," said Rogolifoi.

When asked which teams could give the CNMI a tough time in the medal round, Rogolifoi picked Guam and Palau, but cautioned his wards not to take other squads lightly.

"Defending champion Palau and Guam are probably aiming for the gold medal so we should prepare ourselves for the challenges ahead. And of course, let's not forget the home team Pohnpei. The host team will do their very best to win their first Micro Games title. Kosrae should also be considered a threat," the CNMI Sports Hall of Famer said.

"I don't predict to win over any particular team but I do believe in my players' individual skills, and if they perform to the best of their ability, both on the defensive and offensive ends, we will prevail," Rogolifoi added.

Kanoa Resort, Shirley's stay unbeaten

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Kanoa Resort and Shirley's Coffee Shop stretched their winning streak to three after recording contrasting wins in the 2014 Tan Holdings Inter-Company Basketball League last Saturday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Kanoa Resort eased past CTSI/D&Q in the second game, 82-52, while Shirley's thwarted Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan in the last match of the night, 82-78. With their similar 3-0 records, Shirley's and Kanoa remained tied for the lead, while Fiesta dropped to second with its 2-1 mark, and CTSI/D&Q is at the bottom of the team standings with its 0-3 slate.

Shirley's forced a deadlock for the top spot and foiled Fiesta's bid for a third straight win after a big third-quarter turnaround. Down at halftime, 39-48, Shirley's went on a 29-9 scoring run in the third quarter to grab the upper hand, 68-57. Rommel Usi starred in the third period for Shirley's, unloading three triples in the pivotal quarter. John Jugos backed him up, adding 8 points, 6 of them came from the foul line.

Fiesta tried to bounce back in the fourth, but with only Elmer Esdrelon hitting his shots consistently, the team fell short. Usi nailed another triple late in the fourth, while Erick Dela Rosa had a field goal, and Ariel Drillon made a split to seal the victory for Shirley's.

Usi paced Shirley's with his 25 points, while Esdrelon had a season-high 41.

In the second game, Kanoa built an early double-digit advantage, 23-11, and padded its lead in the last three quarters to remain unbeaten in the six-team field.

As expected, Matt Duenas anchored Kanoa's offense, as the burly forward drilled 6 points in the first canto for their 12-point spread. The rest of his teammates contributed in the last three periods, while CTSI/D&Q had limited options on offense with only Ariel Jinang on target. CTSI/D&Q scored no more than 15 points in each of the fourth quarters, while Kanoa had its best output in the third, recording 26 for a big 64-40 lead.

Duenas finished with a team-high 18 points, while Mico Usi and Cris Huliganga chipped in 12 each.

Meanwhile, POI broke into the win column after dropping its first two games, following a 78-70 victory over *Saipan Tribune*/Realty Management Services (0-3).

Richard Kim and Ramsa Tenepere tallied 13 points each, while Marvin Salamat contributed 12 to tow POI to its first win. Salamat opener the fourth canto with back-to-back triples to give POI more cushion after leading by only 2 at the end of the third period, 51-49. Tenepere and Kim picked up where Salamat left off, while Byron Iglecias also canned three baskets past the halfway mark of the final canto to help POI take the 8-point victory.

First Game

POI 78 – Kim 13, Tenepere 13, Salamat 12, Arago 9, Iglecias 8, Matagolai 8, Peter 4, Acosta 3.

Saipan Tribune/RMS 70 – Angeles 27, De La Torre 18, Rabago 9, J. Ong 9, Galvez 5.

Scoring by quarters: 14-15, 31-29, 51-49, 78-70.

Second Game

Kanoa Resort 82 – Duenas 18, Huliganga 12, Usi 12, De Arroz 6, Armia 6, Kaipat 4, Villaneuva 4, Nunez 4, Bustillo 3, Pablo 1.

CTSI/D&Q 54 – Jinang 21, Kenty 11, Piteg 7, Carge 4, Ilago 4, Echavez 2.

Scoring by quarters: 23-11, 41-25, 64-40, 82-54.

Third Game

Shirley's 82 – Usi 25, Sedillo 13, Jugos 12, Dela Rosa 10, Catungal 10, Yap 6, Drillon 6.

Fiesta Resort 78 – Esdrelon 41, Matsutaro 10, Soriano 4, Macoto 4, Galag 3, Alako 2, Demafelix 2.

Scoring by quarters: 20-25, 39-48, 68-57, 82-78.

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Kanoa Resort's Mico Usi is seen here colliding with *Saipan Tribune*/RMS' John March Ong in the rebound play during an earlier game in the Tan Holdings caging late last month at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

Tournament of Champions tees off Aug. 2 and 3

The biggest golf tournament on Saipan will take place next month with the staging of the 19th Tournament of Champions on Aug. 2 and 3 at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of prizes are at stake in the two-day tournament with golfers having the chance to take home cars and cash as hole-in-one prizes, airline tickets, one year free golf certificate, and other in-kind prizes from around 60 event sponsors.

"We would like to invite golfers to join this year's Tournament of Champions. We are giving away lots of prizes from our generous sponsors," said tournament chair Ben Babauta.

As an added attraction to golfers, Babauta said they will be holding the "chip for cash" contest before participants tee off on both days of the competition at the driving range. Babauta explained that in time for the 19th staging of TOC, they will be giving away cash prizes for hole-in-one shots on 19 holes. There will be nine holes worth $50 each, $100 for six holes, $500 for three, and $1,000 for one. Golfers must buy a $1 ticket to participate in the "chip for cash" contest.

Babauta is expecting around 200 golfers for next month's events, which will have competitions in the Championship, A, B, C, Senior, Super Senior, and Ladies (low gross and low net) flights. The Top 3 finishers in each flight (except Ladies low net) will receive cash prizes with $500 going to the champions, $400 to the runner-ups, and $300 to the third placers. The fourth and fifth finishers will bring home digital cameras and gift certificates, respectively.

Babauta said players from Japan, Guam, and Korea have confirmed their participation in TOC, while they are still waiting for word from golfers from China. A lot of Saipan players have also committed to the competition, while some Tinian and Rota bets are also joining the event.

Entrance fee is $185 for both days. For more information, contact Arthur Miron at 236-2533. ***(Roselyn B. Monroyo)***

Rodriguez hits 2-run homer, helps Rays sweep Yanks

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
The CNMI Little League All-Stars players and coaches pose for a photo during the opening ceremony for the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament last Sunday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales, Philippines.

CNMI nips Chinese-Taipei in Little League

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The CNMI Little League All-Stars pulled off a 3-2 win over Chinese-Taipei in the 2014 Little League Asia Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament yesterday at the Clark Freeport Zone in Zambales, Philippines.

According to Malcolm Omar, a member of the Talaabwogh Stars that has players on the squad,

Pedro Maratita and Dai Podziewski teamed up in the winning run. Maratita hit an infield single that drove Podziewski home at the bottom of the seventh and last inning.

The two other runs, according to the information Omar got from coach Mike Cruz, were courtesy of Aven Evangelista and Spencer Dickinson. Evangelista put the CNMI Little League All-Stars on the board off an RBI walk from Arby Yaguel, while Dickinson blasted a solo homer. Dickinson also did a good job on the mound, pitching in no relief.

With the close win, the CNMI forced a two-way tie for the lead with Chinese-Taipei. Hong Kong, which the CNMI also defeated last Wednesday, 3-6, prevailed against Vietnam yesterday, 17-2, to take the top spot with its 4-1 mark and the first semis berth in Pool A. The CNMI, Chinese-Taipei, and the winner of yesterday afternoon's Saudi-Dubai tussle were battling for the second and last semis ticket at press time.

In Pool B, Korea is assured of a playoff ticket with unbeaten record (3-0), while Guam (2-2)

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Klinsmann was right: US not ready to win '14 World Cup

SAO PAULO (AP)—Turns out Jurgen Klinsmann was right: The United States isn't ready to win the World Cup.

The Americans were eliminated in the round of 16 for the second straight tournament. They've been ranked 13th or 14th every month since September, which means their exit was pretty much at the stage it's expected to be.

"Clearly it gives you the message you have a lot of work still ahead of you," the U.S. coach said Wednesday, a day after the 2-1 loss to Belgium in extra time.

From Wall Street to the White House to the West Coast, Americans watched their national team on television in record numbers. While buoyed by the increase in attention, players are desperate to join the world's elite and far from attaining that level.

Klinsmann was a World Cup champion as a player with West Germany in 1990 and coach of the German team that reached the 2006 semifinals. Having moved to California in 1998 with his American wife, he is seen as bringing the perspective of soccer's elite to a nation that remains a new world in the sport.

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SAIPAN SOCCER SCHOOL
WORLD CUP 2014 FEVER
Saipan Soccer School joins the rest of the world tuning in to World Cup 2014 actions and will be holding a trivia contest from June 13 to July 11, 2014 to bring the World Cup fever from Brazil to the CNMI. Questions will appear in the Saipan Tribune every Wednesday and Friday.
QUESTIONS: Which country in Asia was the first one to compete in the FIFA World Cup?
MECHANICS: 1 The first 5 persons to give correct answers will get prizes from SSS. 2 Winners are allowed to win only once a week. All age groups are eligible to join. 3 Answers can be sent via Facebook (@Saipan SoccerSchool) or Twitter (@SpnSoccerSchool). 4 Winners will be contacted through Facebook and Twitter.
Prizes can be claimed at the SSS office at the JP Centre on Beach Road, from 9am to 10am every Thursday (for Wednesday issue) and Monday (for Friday issue).
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WORLD CUP 2014 BRACKET LAYOUT
TAKE YOUR PICK: In addition to its trivia contest, SSS will give prizes to individuals who can guess the teams that will advance to the semifinals and finals of the World Cup 2014. More details to follow.